# VedderPrice Spring 2025

## Vedder Highlights

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#### **New Shareholders**



Helen J. Biggin Litigation, London

Ms. Biggin has extensive experience as a litigator, particularly in commercial claims, breach of confidence claims and high-value fraud matters.

Ms. Biggin has a special industry focus in aviation and shipping matters, having previously advocated before the Commercial Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. She is a member of the legal advisory panel for the respected and selective Aviation Working Group, reflecting her deep knowledge and long-standing connection to the aviation industry. In addition to litigating matters before the commercial courts, Ms. Biggin frequently represents clients in commercial arbitrations, including those pending in the London Court of International Arbitration and the London Maritime Arbitrators Association.

"It is an exciting time to be leading Vedder Price's litigation practice, having recently added in 2025 three new litigation shareholders in our Miami and New York offices and now welcoming Helen to Vedder Price in the UK. Expanding our litigation capabilities beyond the U.S. remains a core objective for the firm and adding a lawyer with Helen's capabilities will bring huge value to our clients in the UK and beyond," said Anthony Ashley, Shareholder and Chair of Vedder Price's Litigation practice area.



Stuart J. Chasanoff
Finance & Transactions, Dallas

With a substantial amount of private equity, fund formation, SBIC and mergers and

acquisitions experience, and relationships with a wide range of private equity, institutional investor, independent sponsor and portfolio company clients, Mr. Chasanoff is a member of the firm's Finance & Transactions group.

#### **Vedder Price Recognitions**

### **Vedder Price Promotes Seven** to Shareholder:

David Soden, Jake Wiesen, Brian Wendt, Jonathon Reinisch, Zachary Watters and Fleming Ware have all been promoted to Shareholder effective April 1, 2025. Joshua Alexander has been promoted to Partner effective April 6, 2025.

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#### Chambers Global 2025:

Vedder Price is pleased to announce that a number of our practice groups and attorneys have been named to the 2025 *Chambers Global* list.

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#### U.S. News & World Report 2025:

Vedder Price is pleased to share that it has been named to *U.S.*News & World Report's "2025

Best Companies to Work For: Law Firms" in its ratings of U.S. firms as places to work.

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"Bringing Stuart's extensive private equity transactional and fund formation capabilities to our team in Dallas will be an outstanding addition, and this is a market he knows very well," said Vedder Price President and CEO Michael A. Nemeroff. "Integrating him into the firm also significantly enhances our overall ability to serve the always evolving needs of our clients."



Bringing nearly three decades of experience to Vedder Price, Mr. Geraghty focuses on

advising clients on structuring and tax aspects of complex domestic and cross-border business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and SPAC and Up-C structures, joint ventures, public and private offerings of securities, and debt and equity restructurings.

"We are thrilled to add Tom's extensive corporate tax experience to our sophisticated tax practice," said Jennifer D. King, Shareholder and Chair of the Corporate practice area. "His collaborative and practical approach will integrate well with the firm and promote strong client relationships, and we look forward to Tom being a key part of our team."

Daniel R. Alonso
Government Investigations &
White Collar Defense, New York

Mr. Alonso, a former senior federal and New York state prosecutor and an accomplished first-chair trial lawyer, specializes in white collar defense for corporations and individuals, as well as internal investigations, corporate compliance and ethics, and complex civil litigation. A substantial portion of his practice centers on cross-border investigations and compliance in Latin America, including for U.S. multinationals, private equity firms and boards, as well as for Latin American companies and individuals involved in U.S. matters. In these matters, he works in his native Spanish, and he is also a conversational Portuguese speaker.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dan to Vedder Price, who brings over 30 years of outstanding experience in white collar defense and complex civil litigation," said Tony Ashley, Chair of the Litigation practice area. "His addition supports our strategic growth, strengthening our expanding team in New York and nationwide to better serve our clients' evolving needs."

#### **Vedder Price Recognitions**

#### The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025:

Vedder Price is pleased to share its naming to *The Legal 500* Asia Pacific 2025 guide. This recognition highlights the growth of the firm's Singapore office and the exceptional client work completed by its attorneys.

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#### GTF team and Shareholder Ji Woon Kim recognized by Chambers Asia-Pacific in 2025.

The aviation finance practice in Singapore and Mr. Kim have been nominated for two categories: Asia-Pacific Region and Singapore.

#### Super Lawyers Magazine:

Vedder Price is delighted to announce that 13 shareholders have been recognized as Thomson Reuters 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers Magazine.

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#### The Mad Clientist Publication:

Vedder Price was recently recognized in a list of most recommended midsize and small firms by *The Mad Clientist*, a publication by the BTI Consulting Group. The report highlights over 100 small and midsize law firms recommended most often by clients, based on unprompted feedback from corporate counsel.

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### Megan L. Jones Tax & Estate Planning, Los Angeles

Ms. Jones devotes a significant part of her practice to focusing on advising entities, family offices and individuals on planning matters, both domestically and globally. She also has significant experience in handling both income tax and estate planning and in advising clients on digital assets, blockchain technology, NFTs, energy credits and related tax issues.

"Further expanding our sophisticated corporate tax practice remains a top priority for us, and we are happy to welcome Megan to the firm," said Jennifer D. King, Shareholder and Chair of the Corporate practice area. "Adding her extensive experience and strategic approach is a key addition to our team and we look forward to her now joining our Los Angeles office."



Mr. Paterson brings more than 14 years of experience to Vedder Price, and in his

new role working in the firm's growing Singapore office he focuses on multifaceted high-value, cross-border financing, leasing, trading and structured transactions involving aircraft, vessels and other transportation assets.

"David brings us significant transportation-focused experience on a global scale, and we are happy to welcome him to Vedder Price," said Geoff Kass, Chair of the Global Transportation Finance team. "Adding him to our expanding Singapore team will greatly enhance an already strong group and our ability to efficiently meet our clients' needs."



Mr. Ricardo devotes a significant part of his litigation practice to post-closing M&A-related

litigation; business torts; shareholder; partnership and joint venture disputes, complex fraud, and claims for breach of fiduciary duty, unfair competition and breach of contract.

Mr. Ricardo also has a special concentration in representing employers and employees around the country with issues involving post-employment restrictive covenants and trade secrets, including actions involving emergency injunctive relief and expedited discovery, and he is a frequent speaker on these topics.

"Expanding our outstanding group of trial lawyers, both in New York and in all our nine offices, remains a top priority for us, and we are delighted to welcome Preston to the firm," said Tony Ashley, Chair of the Litigation practice area. "He brings over 25 years of experience representing clients across various industries, with a national practice focused on restrictive covenant and trade secret litigation that further extends our reach in this important area of the firm's expertise."

#### **Recent Wins**

Vedder Price represented Resco Products, Inc., a portfolio company of Balmoral Funds LLC, in its \$410 million sale to RHI Magnesita.

The Vedder Price deal team was led by President and CEO Michael A. Nemeroff and Finance & Transactions Shareholder Jason W. Reese alongside Antitrust Shareholder Brian K. McCalmon, Tax Shareholder Matthew P. Larvick, UK Corporate Counsel Jonathan Edgelow, Corporate Associates Miri Joo, Sara L. Levine and Alec Lybik and Environmental Associate Dana B. Mehlman.

Vedder Price advised Jet Parts Engineering, a Vance Street Capital portfolio company, on its acquisition of Percival Aviation, a specialist in aircraft interiors and related equipment.

The cross-border core deal team included President & CEO Michael Nemeroff; European Head of Corporate and Private Equity Andrew Harris; Los Angeles-based M&A Shareholder Greg Ge; UK Corporate Counsel Jonathan Edgelow and Associate Arthur Caplin; Tax Shareholder Andrew Falevich: and M&A Associate Joe Zhou. The deal team was supported by Employment Associates Rachel Easton, Daniel Stander and Taylor McCann: Finance & Transactions team members including Associates Henrietta Worthington, Brad Hemmer and Israel Del Mundo: Intellectual Property Associate Josh Grant; and Executive Compensation and Benefits Shareholder Daniel Lange.

The Vedder Price Financial Institutions Group represented Bancorp Financial, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary, Evergreen Bank Group, in their merger transaction with Old Second Bancorp, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Old Second National Bank.

At the time of the announcement, the cash and stock transaction was valued at approximately \$197 million.

The transaction team consisted of Financial Institutions group Co-Chairs Daniel McKay and James Morrissey, Capital Markets & Securities Shareholders Thomas Desmond and Jennifer Durham King, Financial Institutions group Associate Nich Zlevor and Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits Associate Olivia Ustupski.

Vedder Price represented DLL in connection with its DLLAA 2025-1 securitization, including DLL's affiliates AGCO Finance LLC, as sponsor, and De Lage Landen Financial Services (DLLFS), as servicer.

The four classes of notes issued by DLLAA 2025-1 LLC are secured by a pool of loans and leases relating to agricultural equipment, particularly tractors. The contracts were originated by AGCO Finance.

Capital Markets Shareholder Kevin A. MacLeod and Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Edward K. Gross led a Vedder Price team that included Tax Shareholder Matthew P. Larvick and Associates Sandy Chen and Sophia Sahagun.

"We are delighted to continue to partner with DLLFS and assist them in this important transaction and their securitization program," said Mr. Gross.

#### Awards and Accolades

#### President and CEO Michael A. Nemeroff has been named to the 2025 "Who's Who" list by *Crain's Chicago Business*.

Mr. Nemeroff was among 22 influential leaders that were selected for inclusion in the legal field list as a result of making significant contributions to the Chicago legal community.

In his role as President and CEO, Mr. Nemeroff's leadership has spearheaded the overall growth and strategic vision for the firm, including the building of a talented global team of attorneys in three continents and expanding the Vedder Price footprint in recent years with the key additions of the Dallas and Miami offices.

# Shareholder Fleming Ware Named Vice President of The Coalition, of Women's Initiatives in Law—NYC Chapter.

Ms. Ware's new role within the coalition will allow her to further develop her leadership skills while helping lead initiatives to advance the legal careers of women attorneys within the organization.

Since joining the firm in 2015, Ms. Ware has focused her practice on commercial and financial services litigation, defending a variety of financial and commercial clients against claims and operational violations in both state and federal courts.

Composed of members from across law firms and organizations in Chicago, New York and Washington, DC, the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, is a nonprofit membership association that aims to advance and support women attorneys through professional development and networking opportunities.

#### Shareholders Joseph Kye and Anthony Ashley have been named to the Legal 500 US Elite rankings.

This prestigious annual listing highlights key practitioners outside of global elite firms in New York, Chicago and Washington DC, offering insight into each region's leaders.

#### Chicago Elite:

- Corporate and M&A, Joseph Kye
- Commercial Disputes, Anthony Ashley

Mr. Kye and Mr. Ashley's inclusion on the list speaks to their commitment to exceeding client needs and expectations throughout the course of their careers.

Shareholder Javier Lopez has been appointed by the Mayor of Miami and the City Commission to the Miami Planning, Zoning & Appeals Board (PZAB).

PZAB acts as the gatekeeper for real estate development for the City of Miami. PZAB addresses all requests for variances and exceptions to the building code such as height and density issues related to a particular development. Additionally, PZAB acts as the local planning agency.

"I'm thrilled to be selected to join the zoning board and it's a great honor to be considered for inclusion with this group and be a part of the City of Miami's developing skyline" said Vedder Price Shareholder Javier Lopez. "I'm very much looking forward to collaborating with my other esteemed board colleagues in the years ahead to address the key development and zoning issues impacting the Miami business community."

Based in the Vedder Price Miami office, Mr. Lopez focuses his practice on complex commercial, business and civil litigation in U.S. federal and state courts. He also has extensive experience representing high-profile companies and individuals in a wide range of legal matters, including contract and business disputes and commercial transactions.

#### Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Edward Gross has been named to the 10th edition of The Spear's 500 list.

This annual merit-based recognition is awarded to the top private client advisers, lawyers, wealth managers and service providers for high-networth individuals (HNWs).

Each professional named to the list has been evaluated by the Spear's research unit through its assessment of individual and firm research, submissions, nominations, peer reviews and interviews. Mr. Gross's inclusion on the list is a testament to his work with and dedication to his high-profile clients across various sectors of the transportation finance industry.

## Shareholder Daniel R. Alonso has been named to the City & State New York: 2025 Law Power 100 list.

This prestigious list recognizes the most influential figures in New York's legal landscape, including presidential appointees, elected officials, top judges, high-profile attorneys and leading advocates.

Dan's recognition reflects his distinguished career in white collar criminal defense and cross-border investigations. The listing highlights his prior role as Chief Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, his work as a technical advisor in the film industry and his current role as an adviser to NYC mayoral candidate Jim Walden.