

Automotive

Overview

Schiff Hardin serves the automotive industry by providing antitrust, tax, compliance (federal, state and local), environmental, corporate, litigation, intellectual property, and employment counsel to some of the largest automakers and auto suppliers in the world. Our automotive team includes those who were once in-house counsel at major auto manufacturers and attorneys who have worked closely with the industry for years. From offices in Michigan, Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Washington, D.C., we help the industry tackle new issues, like the use of artificial intelligence, data privacy, and autonomous vehicle operation.

We advise automakers on tax controversies, saving them and their shareholders millions of dollars. We guide automakers through partnerships and joint ventures involving mobility and electrification. As M&A activity increases, we advise on the complicated antitrust issues and employee integration. Our patent prosecutors work on cutting-edge sensor technologies utilized by the industry and our environmental litigators defend citizen activist litigation involving manufacturing sites. Our commercial litigators defend consumer claims all over the country and we help industry leaders with compliance issues, including marketing and advertising, doing business with state and local governments, and import/export controls.

Experience

- Drafting and negotiating marketing-related agreements, commercial agreements and licenses.
- Acting as investigations counsel to a major automaker and an automotive supplier.
- Counseling an automaker on antitrust and competition law issues, and helping to create related policy and trainings.
- Defending an automaker against a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) claim related to one of its manufacturing sites.
- Counseling numerous automakers on state and local tax matters, including those of first impression.
- Advising automakers in their investments in numerous joint ventures.
- Reviewing employee handbooks and developing policy recommendations.
- Counseling on relevant state and local regulations and proposed bills related to new business activity.
- Managing multiple internal investigations for an industry components and parts supplier.
- Litigating lawsuits alleging fraud, breach of warranty and violations of state statutes.
- Managing an OSHA complaint investigation for a major automaker.
- Counseling on labor and employment matters following M&A activity.