

## **Evan Koster**

Partner

New York

### **Biography**

If an explanation of complex financial products has ever left you feeling more confused than you were before, contact Evan Koster.

As Hogan Lovells' Global Coordinator for Derivatives and Commodities, Evan demystifies the products and their legal implications – in both English and Spanish – and represents clients in a broad spectrum of derivatives, commodities, and structured products in the United States and Latin America.

Evan's experience is both broad – including all asset classes, such as commodities, fixed income, foreign exchange, and equities – and narrow, including energy derivatives (e.g., natural gas, oil, power) and energy trading. In addition to his transactional work, he counsels clients regarding Dodd-Frank derivatives regulatory and compliance issues, and has been active in advocacy related to the Dodd-Frank rulemaking process.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Evan was an in-house derivatives counsel at two financial institutions and an outside derivative counsel to a number of Fortune 500 companies and sovereign entities. His experience with many clients across the spectrum provides the perspective he needs to help close transactions and solve issues quickly.

Not content with having just one area of focus, Evan also represents financial institutions, sovereigns, and corporate borrowers in Latin American debt capital



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### **Languages**

English  
Portuguese  
Spanish

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### **Practices**

Capital Markets  
Digital Assets and Blockchain  
Sovereigns

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### **Industries**

Automotive and Mobility  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Financial Institutions  
Private Capital

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markets, especially energy-related transactions, in both primary offerings and liability management exercises such as restructurings. He has represented clients in leading sovereign and quasi-sovereign debt transactions in Latin America, including the Republic of Ecuador's return to the capital markets in 2014.

Evan is frequently quoted in the *Economist*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *Risk Magazine*, and *Latin Lawyer*, and has written on topics related to derivatives and Latin American debt capital markets transactions. He's been recognized for debt capital markets, structured finance, derivatives, and project finance, in the *Legal 500*.

## Representative experience

Derivatives, commodities, Latin America, Latin America debt capital markets, liability management.

Financial institutions with respect to derivative netting issues.

Insurance company in connection with its capital relief insurance of RMBS swap trading activities.

Financial institutions in connection with creating and modifying template derivative agreements.

Financial institutions and corporate end users in reviewing inventory of derivative and credit support documents in light of regulations.

Energy company in its purchase of a portfolio of energy trades from a financial institution.

A major Brazilian financial institution with respect to its Medium Term Note Program.

Latin American financial institutions in connection with tender offers of their bonds in light of Basel capital requirements.

## Awards and rankings

- International Firms: Capital Markets, Recommended, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019-2024

## Areas of focus

Derivatives and Structured Products

FinTech

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, High Honors, Order of the Coif, 1990

M.A., University of Miami, 1987

B.A., Brandeis University, 1985

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## Memberships

Member, Columbian and Venezuelan American Associations

Member, Latin America Practice Committee and Equity Derivatives Committee, International Swaps and Derivatives Association

Member, Structured Products Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

New York

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## Accolades

'Evan Koster has consistently been

- Capital Markets: Derivatives (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019-2024
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2020-2024
- Finance: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2023
- Finance: Capital Markets: Global Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2021-2024
- Finance: Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2023
- International Firms: Banking and Finance, Recommended, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2022-2023
- Banking, Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Capital Markets: Derivatives, Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Project Finance, Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (Nationwide), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers USA*, 2017-2018
- Capital Markets: Banking & Finance (U.S. and Latin America), Leading Lawyer, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2017
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (U.S. and Latin America), Leading Lawyer, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2017
- Energy and Infrastructure (Latin America), Leading Lawyer, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2015-2017

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - SEC brings Regulation FD enforcement action for selective disclosure via social media
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells cross-border, cross practice

available and responsive, especially on time-sensitive matters. His expertise in the area to be invaluable. He is a market reference for derivatives agreements.'

*Client quoted in Legal 500 US 2020*

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'Evan [Koster] is an excellent attorney who is very knowledgeable and accessible.' ... 'He knows what he is doing and he has a good South American client base.'

*Clients quoted in Chambers Global 2022*

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'[Evan Koster] is very thoughtful, helps me spot issues, is super smart and has a lot of experience.'

*Client quoted in Chambers Global 2021*

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'Evan is an excellent attorney. He is very responsive and knowledgeable.'

*Client quoted in Chambers USA 2024*

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'Evan is great, he's incredibly responsive.' ... 'He has great strength in negotiating complex financing and swap structures.'

*Clients quoted in Chambers USA 2023*

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Evan Koster has a strong record in sovereign and quasi-sovereign

team advises the Republic of Ghana in their precedent setting Sovereign Debt Restructurings

■ News

- Mandatory compliance nears for remaining Section 13 reporting requirements

■ Insights and Analysis

- IRS finalizes proposed regulations applying to digital assets

■ Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements

- Peruvian-American Association

■ News

- New York's revised bill addressing sovereign debt – proposed change to current 9% interest rate

offerings from Latin America, and is also rated for liability management and derivatives transactions.

*Legal 500 US 2023*

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'[Evan Koster is] a great derivatives specialist with in-depth expertise.'

*Client quoted in Chambers USA  
2022*

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Evan Koster is a key figure in energy-related offerings and sovereign transactions.

*Legal 500 US 2022*

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Evan Koster leads the practice and covers a range of asset classes, such as commodities, fixed income, foreign exchange and equities.

*Legal 500 US 2023: Structured Finance – Derivatives and Structured Products*

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Evan Koster of Hogan Lovells has a robust cross-border derivatives practice, regularly advising on commodities in the energy market. 'He's a great derivatives specialist with in-depth expertise.'

*Chambers Global 2023*

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Headed by 'consummate professional' Evan Koster, [Hogan Lovells'] derivatives group is particularly strong in Latin America-facing work; it has been involved in

the creation of a number of cross-border trading platforms for South American financial institutions and acted for a government entity of a South American country in a unique, multi-asset repo transaction.

*Legal 500 US 2018*

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