

## 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  
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, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019-2023
- International Firms: Banking and Finance, *Legal 500*

## Areas of focus

Derivatives and Structured Products

FinTech

Sovereigns: Debt & Restructuring

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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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## *Latin America, 2022-2023*

- Capital Markets: Derivatives (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019-2022
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2020-2022
- Finance: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2022
- Finance: Capital Markets: Global Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2021-2022
- Finance: Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2022
- 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
- Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 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

- Publications
  - Mutual recognition of EU-US OTC derivative clearing frameworks
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Carbon Credits - New Developments, Trends, and Perspectives
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Latin America Climate Summit 2022 | 18 – 19

October 2022

- Hogan Lovells Events
  - State of Crypto Market in Argentina and Lessons from the US and Europe
- News
  - The end is nigh (-bor): FCA consults on end to GBP LIBOR settings and need for synthetic USD LIBOR
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Ecuador's Banco Pichincha on \$300 million DPR securitization issuance