

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

## Commodity Futures

There is no substitute for experience. Our commodity futures team is thus privileged to feature attorneys who bring to the table experience both as attorneys and as professionals in the industry. Positions held by members of our team before joining Schuyler, Roche & Crisham include compliance officer, staff attorney at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, fund manager, licensed futures broker, risk manager and broker on the trading floor. This hands-on experience gives our attorneys a nuanced and thorough understanding of how the commodity futures business works and enables them to provide real-world, practical legal advice to clients. Based in Chicago, the center of the commodity futures industry, we pride ourselves on our responsiveness—a crucial plus in this fast-moving business.

In addition to our commodity futures team, our firm's deep bench of professionals is available to our clients. When it comes to meeting the needs of the commodity futures industry, we strive to be a "one-stop shop."

When our clients seek counsel on transactions, such as the preparation of disclosure documents, or any other aspect of this field, we are prepared to meet their needs with urgency and professionalism. We routinely handle transactional work for commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors, hedge fund operators, futures commission merchants, introducing brokers and many others in the field. We also have extensive experience in representing clients in the foreign currency, or forex, business.

The commodity futures industry is highly regulated; firms face the challenge of meeting compliance standards on a regular basis. In situations that lead to interactions with regulators, we have considerable experience in dealing with the National Futures Association and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

We are also accustomed to addressing issues our clients face related to registration and other key matters. We are equally prepared, and highly experienced, in defending industry participants and customers, as needed, through litigation.

Our team is on the cutting edge of key issues affected by the accelerated movement of this industry to an electronic format. Trading systems and related software play increasingly prominent roles in how companies buy and sell commodities. Whether our clients develop these products or are an introducing broker or clearing firm that uses them, they will need proper agreements that define how a trading system should be used. We are experienced in addressing these issues, and are equally well-grounded in common concerns tied to the compliance of websites and various promotional materials.

In short, the commodity futures team of Schuyler, Roche & Crisham is poised to help our clients face the many challenges of this growing and rapidly changing field.

*Hands-on industry experience is an asset in any field of law. In the fast-paced world of commodity futures, such experience is a distinct advantage.*

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