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Reinhold F. Krammer is a partner in the Firm's Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Commercial Transactions and Creditors' Rights practice groups. He advises multinational corporations, international businesses, and U.S.-based companies on complex legal and commercial matters, delivering practical, business-focused solutions that align with clients' strategic objectives. Recognized for his responsiveness, sound judgment, and results-driven approach, Reinhold is a trusted advisor to organizations operating across multiple jurisdictions.

His experience spans litigation, arbitration, mediation, dispute negotiation, bankruptcy, receivership, and cross-border commercial transactions throughout the United States and internationally. He has represented clients in matters involving Germany, Japan, Austria, Belgium, Italy, the U.K., Mexico, Canada, the Netherlands, Switzerland, France, Korea, Spain, China, Brazil, and the U.S., while also negotiating and closing sophisticated commercial agreements for businesses around the world. Whether managing high-value disputes or structuring critical business transactions, Reinhold combines legal precision with commercial insight to help clients protect their interests, mitigate risk, and achieve successful outcomes.

In addition to his legal practice, Reinhold is a Certified Public Accountant, providing clients with a unique understanding of the financial and business considerations that influence strategic decision-making. He also serves as the Honorary Consul General of a foreign sovereign for Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, reflecting the confidence placed in him by international institutions. Several foreign trade organizations have designated him as a trusted legal advisor, recommending him to companies from their respective countries seeking

Education

DePaul University College of Law, J.D., 1993; Editor Law Review

University of Illinois, B.S., with honors, 1988

Admissions

Illinois

Michigan

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Practice Areas

Litigation

reliable legal counsel in the United States.

REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Automotive and Parts Supply
- Bio/Pharmaceutical
- Construction
- Consumer Products
- Electronics and Semi-Conductor
- Energy
- Equipment Leasing and Financing
- Food Manufacturing and Distribution
- High-Tech including Development, Software and E-Commerce
- Machinery and Equipment including Machine Tools, Robotics, Lasers, Optics, Packaging, Construction and Metrology
- Retail, Distribution, Sales and Services Industries
- Transportation, Warehousing, Shipping, and Domestic and International Trade

Experience

- Obtained $1.8 million judgment in favor of an equipment supplier in breach of a contract claim against purchaser.
- Prosecuted a claim and defended a counterclaim for a lens/optics designer/manufacturer against a camera/lens manufacturer/seller at a hearing before American Arbitration Association tribunal conducted in New York; New York related to claim for wrongful termination of Development Agreement; Arbitral Award found in favor of lens/optics designer/manufacturer and awarded over $3.9 million in damages; award paid in full.
- Manufacturer representation of water purification equipment used in the fracking industry over a breach of licensing agreement before International Chamber of Commerce, International Court of Arbitration in Paris, France.
- Represented a glass etching and cutting machinery supplier against a fortune 500 company alleging defective design and manufacture; resulted in purchaser keeping equipment and seller retaining payments made for equipment.
- Tier II automotive supplier representation in recovering millions from a publicly traded Tier I supplier for unrecovered NRE and capital expenditures related to the wrongful termination of a blanket supply agreement; based upon resolution, supplier paid in full and parties continued business relationship.

Commercial, Competition & Trade
Intellectual Property & Technology

Languages

English
German

- Assisted a Tier II automotive supplier in a $3.1 million bankruptcy preference claim; supplier prevailed in obtaining a ruling that the default judgment should be overturned and ultimately convinced the plaintiff to dismiss the complaint altogether without the supplier having to return any of the alleged preferential payments.
- Defended and settled various claims against a manufacturer of outdoor and indoor power tools, alleging defect in design, manufacture and warning.
- Counseled clients in disputes over millions of dollars in unpaid receivables due from bankrupt or distressed suppliers and customers resulting in successful structured repayments.
- Obtained the dismissal of a claim brought against a Tier I automotive supplier relating to a child's alleged exposure to lead brought home by the parent from a facility.
- Defended a publicly traded manufacturer of industrial excavator equipment from indemnification claims from a subsequent reseller for substantial alleged consequential and other economic losses.
- Supplier representation of a component used in the automotive industry in which the purchaser owed the supplier millions of dollars and asserted that the product was defectively manufactured; matter was settled favorably, whereby purchaser dismissed its claims and paid purchaser amounts due.
- Prosecuted a trademark infringement claim against an infringer whereby the defendant ceased using trademark and was found liable for infringement.
- Defended claims asserted against a supplier of marine diesel engines; the contract, warranty and fraud claims asserting millions of dollars in compensatory and punitive damages were settled upon terms favorable to the supplier.
- Mediated and obtained a settlement favorable to a defendant manufacturer of printing presses in a $3 million preference claim involving complicated international transactions based upon Letter of Credit and Documents against Payment; also contested solvency and asserted defenses of contemporary exchanges, new value, and ordinary course of business.
- Defended a purchaser of material handling bags against the supplier; convinced trier of fact that subject bags were defective and, as a result, the amounts claimed from supplier were not due.
- Counseled a creditor in work out and bankruptcy proceeding in which creditor was the main supplier and customer of debtor and in which creditor supported, in part, through guaranty, DIP financing.

- Pursued an insurance company which claimed subrogation rights under credit card insurance policy, resulting in $1.9 million payment to decedent's estate relating to Kentucky airline crash.
- Represented a pump manufacturer before the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding possible recall issues.
- Recovered a printing press on behalf of a lessor that served as collateral for an equipment lease; a settlement was reached whereby the lessee returned the equipment to the lessor, agreed to pay significant amounts to the lessor and released its claims asserting defective design and manufacture.
- Assisted a manufacturer of plastic storage containers; obtained prompt repossession of plastic injection molds from the adverse party in Canada and settled and resolved the Canadian defendant's counterclaims without payment of any funds.
- Represented an employer that suffered significant losses because of an employee's embezzlement of monies; successfully sought a freeze of the employee's assets that resulted in full restitution by the employee to the employer.
- Obtained a $1.827 million judgment against a California-based entity on behalf of an equipment supplier.
- Defended a German-based global manufacturer of precision measuring equipment in a patent infringement lawsuit filed by a direct competitor in the Northern District of Illinois.
- Achieved complete dismissal of claims filed in arbitration against a U.S. subsidiary of a Korean Tier 1 auto supplier by its Tier 2 contractor.
- Secured favorable resolution for Tier 1 automotive supplier in parts supply dispute involving alleged U.S. steel import restrictions on Mexico, delayed and insufficient part deliveries, and substantial expedite costs. Through discovery, summary judgment briefing, and trial preparation, positioned the client to preserve the vast majority of its contractual offset in a favorable settlement.
- Secured a seven-figure settlement for a Europe-based client’s North American subsidiary in an arbitration against an OEM, overcoming the OEM’s full denial of liability and nominal settlement offer and leveraging targeted discovery and depositions to strengthen breach-of-contract and Michigan silent fraud claims.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Austria America Foundation, Inc. - Honorary Director

- Chicago Bar Association
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs - President's Circle
- German International School of Chicago - Honorary Director
- Illinois State Bar Association
- International Trade Club of Chicago - Former Director

Distinctions

- *Leading Lawyers*, 2015-2026
- *Thomson-Reuters Stand-out Lawyer* since 2023
- *Legal 500 Chicago Elite – Commercial Disputes*
- Recipient of the American Jurisprudence Prize in Torts