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Choate Earns 2026 Chambers Recognition Across Four Private Equity and M&A Practice Areas

Choate has again earned rankings across four practice areas within the Private Equity and M&A group in the 2026 *Chambers USA* guide, with recognition in Buyouts, Corporate/M&A, Fund Formation, and Venture Capital Investment. These results reflect the depth and versatility of our transactional capabilities.

Among individual honorees, Kimberly Kaplan-Gross received Tier 1 recognition in Fund Formation (Massachusetts) and was also recognized in Fund Formation at the nationwide level — a distinction that speaks to the scope of her practice. T.J. Murphy was recognized in Buyouts and John Pitfield in Corporate/M&A.

In Venture Capital Investment, Brian Lenihan and Brian Goldstein each received individual recognition, and Tobin Sullivan earned an elevated ranking, further cementing his standing among top practitioners in the field.

Kevin Jarboe is recognized in Banking & Finance, highlighting his cross-practice capabilities.

Chambers provided the following review of each practice area:

Buyouts (Massachusetts): “Choate Hall & Stewart LLP has a distinguished private equity practice which attracts praise for its adroit handling of midmarket and lower midmarket transactional mandates. It advises an array of local, national and international investment firms and portfolio businesses from its Boston headquarters, with notable strengths in the TMT, life sciences and manufacturing sectors.”

Corporate/M&A (Massachusetts): “Choate Hall & Stewart LLP has an accomplished and highly capable corporate group prized for its strength in midmarket transactional work. It regularly acts for technology and life sciences companies on corporate governance issues and M&A mandates, bolstered by highly rated resources in its intellectual property, antitrust and tax practices.”

Fund Formation (Massachusetts): “Choate Hall & Stewart LLP has a strong fund formation practice with a strong track record of forming venture capital funds, including those focused on the technology sector.”

Venture Capital Investment (Massachusetts): “Choate Hall & Stewart LLP has a well-developed Massachusetts-based venture capital practice. The team robustly handles matters for venture capital firms in their seed and early-stage investments. It is adept at handling issues concerning the technology, life sciences and medical devices sectors.”

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