

## Manufacturing

***When manufacturers face business issues, we help shape quality legal solutions.***

Manufacturing has long been the lifeblood of our nation's economy. In fact, according to data from the National Association of Manufacturers, U.S. manufacturing is the most productive in the world, surpassing the worker productivity of any other major manufacturing economy, leading to higher wages and living standards and contributing trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Yet, today's manufacturers also must balance these unprecedented opportunities with some of the challenging realities of the marketplace, including increasing competition, finding skilled workers in a tight labor pool, identifying new suppliers to help keep costs down, and managing general business challenges in U.S. and overseas plants.

For help navigating these issues and more, companies with manufacturing operations turn to Lathrop GPM's multidisciplinary team of business lawyers. Our clients benefit from our deep experience serving the unique legal needs of the manufacturing industry, including our track record guiding manufacturers through a full range of business issues involving:

- General corporate needs
- Sourcing products, including working with overseas suppliers and vendors
- Credit and financing
- Product distribution
- Trade secrets
- Intellectual property
- Supply and distributorship agreements
- Government regulation
- Employment

- Immigration
- Business succession planning

***Unlike other firms that provide assembly-line advice, our legal counsel is specifically tailored to your unique company and business goals.***

Our manufacturing clients range from mid-sized, family-owned companies to large global companies with hundreds of distributors worldwide; they are franchises and distributorships, creators of proprietary products, and technology companies serving the manufacturing sector.

They make parts for firearms, valves for municipal wastewater treatment plants, hydraulic and mechanical gooseneck trailers, outdoor products, other proprietary products and equipment, and more.

What they all share in common is a desire to grow business, manage costs and risk, and take advantage of new market opportunities - and that's where we can help, by creating legal strategies unique to your specific company and your business objectives.