



## Greg Patterson

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### PRACTICES

- Securities
- Banks and Banking
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures

### EDUCATION

- Washington University in St. Louis, J.D., 2006, Masters, Business Administration, 2006, Journal of Law & Public Policy
- Westminster College, B.A., Mathematics and History, 2000

### ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- New York

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2015-Present Associate, 2006-2014 Law Clerk, 2005-2006 Summer Associate, 2005
- The Bridge-Asia Intern, Summer 2003 & 2004
- Strong Financial Corp. Compliance Analyst, 2000-2002

Greg counsels entrepreneurs, investment advisors and major institutional investors on a wide range of securities offerings and transactions while providing comprehensive advice on corporate and regulatory issues. Greg is Vice-Chair of the Firm's Investment Management Practice Group.

Greg acts as the primary legal advisor to pension plans and institutional investors with more than \$75 billion in investable assets, representing clients in all manner of private equity, venture capital, real estate, and hedge fund investments. He reviews and negotiates investments in dozens of funds each year and taps Thompson Coburn's significant knowledge base of industry trends to flag problematic investments and quickly identify alternative opportunities. When representing investment managers, Greg has led fund formation efforts for numerous private equity, venture capital and real estate fund sponsors, with a particular focus on the Midwest region and the development of the St. Louis economy.

An MBA holder who worked with multiple start-up teams before and during law school, Greg has been at the forefront of the recent spate of venture capital activity in the region and led deals across Missouri and beyond.

Greg and his team have advised the most prolific VC investor in the region for several years. He represents both start-up companies and incubator/venture capital financing institutions in economic development efforts across the Midwest, and is often called upon to assist executives and investors with business questions outside the legal arena.

Before law school, Greg worked as an advisor at a mutual fund firm and helped the company launch a broker-dealer platform. While simultaneously pursuing law and business degrees, Greg worked on VC teams focused on foreign investments. From these experiences, he learned firsthand the kind of advice needed by participants on both sides of a deal: Practical, focused guidance that looks beyond legal and compliance needs and incorporates a holistic view of the opportunity.

Greg also has significant experience representing public and private companies in a broad range of merger, acquisition and disposition transactions, and has represented issuers and underwriters in a variety of

corporate transactions, including public and private debt and equity offerings. He advises issuers and underwriters in federal and state securities law compliance, including public filings and private placements.

**Recognitions**

- Included in "Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers" Rising Stars list, (by Thomson Reuters) 2013
- Top 1000 St. Louisans to Know to Succeed in Business, 2012
  - St. Louis Small Business Monthly