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PRACTICES

- Acquisition Financing
- Asset-based Lending
- Commercial Lending
- Commercial Transactions
- Equipment Financing
- Lease Financing
- Loan Syndications

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1990
- Illinois State University, B.S., cum laude, 1987

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- Equipment Leasing and Finance Association - Legal Committee, 2014-2016
- American Bar Association, UCC Leasing Subcommittee - Chair, 2012-2014, Commercial Finance Committee
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Illinois State Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- The Loan Syndication and Trading Association

Ruthanne represents parties in complex commercial transactions, providing responsive advice on a variety of finance and sales matters.

Ruthanne serves as co-chair of the Firm's Banking and Commercial Finance practice area and heads the group's St. Louis office practice.

In her practice, she represents lenders, banks, leasing companies, captive finance subsidiaries, borrowers, lessees, buyers and sellers in loans, structured financing, leases and sales and purchases of equipment. Her commercial finance experience encompasses varied types of commercial finance transactions, including secured, unsecured, syndicated, asset-based, maritime, acquisition, equipment and lease financing transactions.

She frequently counsels the Firm's corporate clients on creditor and borrower issues. She is also active with the UCC Article 2A Leasing and Article 9 Secured Transactions subcommittees of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

Recognitions

- American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers, Member
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, (by BL Rankings) 2009-2024
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Equipment Finance in St. Louis by Best Lawyers, (by BL Rankings) 2013, 2015
- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, (by Thomson Reuters) 2012-2013

Experience

- **Represented manufacturer-lessor in a \$100,000,000 non-recourse credit facility from a bank in connection with the funding of multiple pools of equipment leases.**
- **Represented lessee in \$65,000,000 lease by bank trustee of mining equipment.**
- **Represented agent bank in \$50,000,000 secured revolving credit and multiple term loan facility in connection with a private equity fund acquisition of a data management company.**
- **Represented agent bank in \$25,000,000 secured revolving credit**

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 1999-Present Chair, Employment Committee, 2007-2011 Associate, 1990-1998
- Webber & Thies Law Clerk, 1988-1990

COMMUNITY

- Kirkwood Junior Basketball League, Girls Coach, 2005-2010
- St. Paul's Lutheran School of Des Peres, PTL Board Member, 1999-2001
- Lutheran Family & Children's Services, Congregational Delegate, 1996-1998

and multiple term loan facility in connection with a private equity fund acquisition of a developer of technological learning tools for the medical field.

- **Represented agent bank in restructuring \$250,000,000 revolving credit and term loan facility to an international agricultural chemical company.**
- **Represented public company in the sale of \$100,000,000 lease portfolio.**
- **Represented purchaser of \$100,000,000 portfolio of student loans.**