

# Lori W. Jones

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Lori Jones advises clients on a wide range of employee benefit matters relating to qualified and nonqualified retirement plans, health and welfare benefit plans, and executive compensation, including incentive arrangements and stock-based plans. In 2004, she was selected as one of "The Best Lawyers in America."

### Distinction

During her more than 20 years of legal practice, Ms. Jones has devoted her career to helping clients solve some of the most challenging employee benefit problems. Her strong commitment to client service, coupled with an extensive knowledge of employee benefit law and regulations, plus a genuine appreciation of the economic and market pressures facing employers, enables her to find practical, creative and cost-effective solutions for her clients.

Her focus includes not only plan design and drafting, but also plan administration and compliance, and employee benefit issues relating to mergers, acquisitions and other types of corporate reorganizations.

### Education

- **Washington University**  
LL.M., Taxation (1989)
- **Saint Louis University School of Law**  
J.D. (1983)  
Order of the Woolsack  
First Place Severs Writing Competition  
Second Place Health Law Writing Competition  
Childress Full Scholarship  
Legal Research and Writing Instructor
- **College of St. Scholastica**  
B.A., Management (1978)  
CSS Presidential Scholarship  
Alpha Chi Honor Society President  
1978 CSS Leadership Award  
College Union Award  
Student Government President (1976-1977)



### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (2004-Present)
- **Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, LC**  
Partner (1991-2004)  
Associate (1983-1991)

### Licensure

- Illinois (1983)
- Missouri (1983)

### Civic Involvement

- **St. Louis Bar Foundation**  
President (2005-present)  
Board of Trustees (2000-present)
- **Washington University School of Law Alumni Executive Committee**
- **Saint Louis University School of Law Alumni Council**
- **Missouri Athletic Club Bylaw and Ethics Committee**

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## Professional Affiliations

- **Supreme Courts of Missouri and Illinois**
- **American Bar Association**  
Taxation Section and Labor and Employment Section
- **Missouri Bar Association**  
Taxation Law Committee
- **Illinois Bar Association**
- **Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**  
President (2004-2005), President-Elect (2003-2004)  
Vice-President (2002-2003)  
Board of Governors (1995-2004)  
Chairman of Taxation Section (1995-1996)
- **Missouri Director of Revenue Advisory Committee**

## Publications

- Income Tax Planning and Issues, Chapter 4 *Mo Bar CLE Elder Law Handbook* (2002)
- Sales Tax Goes High Tech *The St. Louis Bar Journal* (Summer 1996)
- Creative Applications of the Tax-Free Reorganization Rules in Bank Acquisitions *Journal of Bank Taxation* (Spring 1996)
- Employers Keep Pace With Benefit Rules *Risk Management* (December 1990)
- Incorporating an Ongoing Partnership: Selecting the Appropriate Method *Journal of Partnership Taxation* (Winter 1987)
- Tax and Other Benefits Still Available to a Professional Who Incorporates *Taxation for Lawyers* (May/June 1985)

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker Western Pension and Benefits Conference (Denver Chapter)
- Speaker Missouri Society for CPAs
- Speaker Certified Employee Benefit Specialists (CEBS) courses
- Speaker Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis