



## Debbie Rush

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### PRACTICES

- Public Finance
- Tax and Development Incentives
- Corporate Law

### EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1991, Order of The Coif, Associate Editor, Washington University Law Quarterly
- Saint Louis University, M.B.A., 1988
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., 1983

### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Missouri

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar Association
- Illinois Tax Increment Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Missouri Economic Development Financing Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Women in Public Finance

Debbie is a key legal advisor to public entities, investment bankers, banks and developers in all types of public finance and development incentive transactions. As a co-chair of Thompson Coburn's public finance practice, Debbie leads a collaborative team of highly experienced practitioners who handle complex transactions across the country and offer creative solutions that help clients get the deal done.

With 26 years of experience in public finance, tax and development incentives, Debbie has served as underwriter, bond, bank and developer counsel on hundreds of tax-exempt and taxable financings involving multi-million dollar municipal, public-private, retail and commercial projects.

Often acting as an integral member of large finance teams, Debbie documents complex financings and advises clients on key decision points. As part of the finance team, Debbie strives in every transaction to provide creative, problem solving approaches to legal and structuring issues, with the ultimate goal of ensuring that the transaction moves forward to completion.

Hands-on and detail-oriented, Debbie has helped develop the reputation of Thompson Coburn's Public Finance practice as a team of talented legal professionals who add value to every transaction with their efficiency, creative problem solving and in depth industry and legal knowledge.

Debbie served for eight years as a member of the Firm's Management Committee. She is currently the chair of the Firm's Marketing Committee and is a founding member of the Thompson Coburn Women's Initiative Steering Committee.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2000-Present Associate, 1991-1999

**Community**

- Downtown STL, Inc., Chair, 2017-Present, Vice Chair, 2016-2017, Board of Trustees, 2016-Present
- Downtown Community Improvement District Board, Chair - Finance Committee, 2012-2016, Board of Trustees, 2010-2016, Co-chair - Government Affairs Committee, 2011, Secretary, 2011
- Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School, Chair - Finance Committee, 2012-2017, Board of Trustees, 2011-2017
- FOCUS St. Louis, Board of Trustees, 2012-2016, Leadership St. Louis, 2003-2004
- Forsyth School, Chair - Finance Committee, 2004-2008, Board of Trustees, 2002-2008