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PRACTICES

- Corporate Finance

ADMISSIONS

- New York

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 1985, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar Editor, Journal of Law and Social Problems
- New York University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1981, Phi Beta Kappa

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn; Partner, 2021-Present
- Hahn & Hessen; Partner, 1997-2021
- Kaye Scholer; Counsel, 1995-1997 Associate; 1985-1995

AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Finance Lawyers, Regent
- SFNet Foundation, Board of Directors
- American Bar Association, New York State Reporter for the Commercial Law Survey

Lee represents financial institutions in secured lending and other finance transactions, developing creative solutions that protect clients and still address the concerns of the borrower.

He believes that a financial institution's lawyer must be a consensus-builder, working constructively to reach an agreement with the borrower and borrower's counsel.

Lee employs this approach as he collaborates with clients on a wide variety of finance matters, including acquisition financings, cross-border financings, leveraged recapitalizations, debtor-in-possession financings, unitranche, second lien and mezzanine facilities and fund guaranty facilities for private equity sponsors.

Lee has extensive knowledge of inter-creditor issues (generally, as well as issues that may be applicable to specialized structures, such as unitranche and Term B facilities and receivables securitizations), cross-border financing issues and other areas that impact financings, including bankruptcy law and non-standard collateral issues (e.g., intellectual property and foreign collateral).

In addition to his core secured finance practice, Lee has had the opportunity to work on numerous bankruptcy-related matters, as well as on financial products for some of the Firm's capital markets clients, such as securities repurchase transactions and interest rate swap agreements.

Lee has served on numerous panels for the Practising Law Institute, the Banking Law Institute, SFNet (f/k/a the Commercial Finance Association) and the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys. He has also published articles on secured lending and bankruptcy law issues in The New York Law Journal, The Secured Lender and other publications.

Publications

- "Five Things a Client and Transactional Counsel Should Discuss at the Start of a Deal," *The Secured Lender*, October 2013

RECOGNITIONS

- Commercial Finance Association's Harry H. Chen Memorial Award
 - 2015
- Listed in New York Metro Area Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters)
 - 2006-2007, 2009-2011, 2013-2021