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EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2005
- University of Arkansas, B.A., magna cum laude, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2018-Present Counsel, 2017
- Lewis Rice Counsel, 2016-2017
- Quinpario Partners LLC General Counsel and Vice President, 2014-2016
- Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2 General Counsel, Vice President and Secretary, 2014-2016
- Armstrong Teasdale Partner, 2005-2014

Sara represents lenders, community development entities and investors in tax credit and financing transactions.

For more than a decade, she has advised clients on a broad range of corporate and transactional matters, including serving for several years as general counsel, vice president and corporate secretary of a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company. In that role, Sara learned firsthand the type of responsive, practical legal guidance that executives need to make decisions quickly and effectively and played a direct role in advising a public company board of directors. During her time with Quinpario Partners and Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2, she led the company's internal legal efforts on its \$350 million IPO and \$2.8 billion acquisition to form Exela Technologies, Inc.

Sara has extensive experience in corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financing and securities compliance. She drafts and negotiates a variety of commercial contracts and provides day-to-day counsel on general business matters. Additionally, Sara has represented corporate creditors in loan workouts, out-of-court restructuring transactions, bankruptcy proceedings and lender liability litigation. She also has experience representing health care entities.

Sara has successfully litigated a variety of commercial disputes in federal and state trial courts in Missouri and Illinois, the Missouri Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Missouri.