



As a transactional attorney focused on financings, I like solving complex puzzles in a way that results in satisfactory closings.

#### overview

Diona Rogers represents major national financial institutions and regional banks in commercial finance and secured transactions.

Diona has worked on complex loan transactions financing corporate and M&A activity throughout Chicago and across the U.S. and Canada. She assists in the documentation and closing of syndicated and bilateral secured and unsecured credit facilities.

Diona works closely with bankers on the legal and financial terms of proposed lending transactions, and she drafts and negotiates the resulting credit agreements, subordination agreements, and other loan documents. She also helps banks amend credit documents or respond to changes in a borrower's status, including changes in collateral or corporate structure.

In this fast-paced industry, Diona manages multiple high-value deals while addressing specific client needs on each transaction. She speaks the language of her financial services clients and shares with them any legal issues she anticipates may impact a particular financing. They work collaboratively to resolve questions and pave the way for a successful transaction.

Before joining Thompson Coburn, Diona was a compliance associate at a Chicago trading firm and a corporate attorney representing clients in business and regulatory matters, including transactional matters, corporate governance, shareholder rights, operating and joint venture agreements, and private placements. In addition to her law degree, Diona holds an MBA, enabling her to apply a business-minded perspective to legal matters.

Within the firm, Diona serves as co-chair of the African American/Black affinity group.

#### affiliations

##### Professional

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association

## Diona

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#### MY SERVICES

Real Estate  
Commercial Finance & Banking

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#### EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2014  
Dean's List  
Health Law Certificate, Leadership and Service Award  
Loyola University Chicago Quinlan School of Business,  
M.B.A., *cum laude*, 2014  
Northern Arizona University, B.S.B.A., *summa cum  
laude*, 2011

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#### ADMISSIONS

Illinois  
U.S. District Court Northern District Illinois

- Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago
- SFNet - Midwest Chapter
- Young Professionals Committee
- Women's Committee
- Women in ETFs (Electronically Traded Funds)

#### Community

- SFNet Midwest Women's Committee, Chair
- Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc, Board Member, Bar Exam Writing Tutor

Chicago Yacht Club, Member, sailor, Nautical Education Committee

#### recognitions

- Recipient, 40 Under 40 Award by Secured Finance Network, 2023
- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" (by BL Rankings) for Banking and Finance Law and Real Estate Law in Chicago, Illinois, 2023-2025
- Included in Super Lawyers Rising Stars List (by Thomson Reuters), 2020-2025

#### presentations

- Panelist: Advanced UCC  
Equipment Leasing and Finance Association Legal Forum (May 2025)

#### in my free time

Outside of work, travel and sailing are my top passions. I love being exposed to new languages and foods and have been to China, Portugal and elsewhere, and have even lived in Spain. I race small sailboats with the Chicago Yacht Club (mostly high-performance Sonar racers lately) and am a member of the club's Nautical Education Committee.