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Services

Bank & Finance

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Food & Grocery

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Real Estate & Construction

Finance & Securities

Levi represents lending institutions and borrowers in all aspects of commercial and real estate finance transactions.

Levi advises banks and other lending institutions on a variety of loan transactions and also represents private equity sponsors and corporate borrowers in commercial and real estate finance matters. He has significant experience leading all types of loan transactions, including acquisition financings, real estate loans, senior and mezzanine debt, and secured and unsecured loans. Levi is well versed in structuring, documenting, negotiating and closing complex financing transactions. He also has experience with mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate matters.

Levi also represents cooperatives and other agribusinesses in a variety of legal matters, including corporate governance issues, financing transactions and other operational matters.

Experience

- Represents local and national banks and other lending institutions in a variety of loan transactions.
- Represents private equity sponsors and corporate borrowers in loans ranging in size from several million dollars to over \$500 million.
- Represents private equity sponsors in corporate transactions and general corporate matters.
- Represented bank in connection with \$19 million construction financing.
- Represented administrative agent in large syndicated revolving credit facility.
- Represented national bank in significant operating and real estate credit facilities, including the structuring and negotiation of intercreditor issues relating to subordinated debt facility.
- Represented large agribusiness in connection with over \$800 million of financing transactions.

Credentials

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2014, *magna cum laude*
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.S., 2011, *with distinction*

Admissions

- Minnesota, 2014

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*, Banking and Finance Law, 2021-2023
- North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015
- Certificates of Merit in Land Use Planning and Control and Environmental Law and Policy, University of Michigan Law School

Civic & Professional

Professional Activities

- *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, Contributing Editor, 2013-2014; Associate Editor 2012-2013

Legal Updates

Legal Update | 03.16.2021

Recent Announcements Confirm Pending End of LIBOR

Legal Update | 09.01.2020

Best Practices for a Transition Away from LIBOR

Legal Update | 06.09.2020

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act – Greater Flexibility Now Available to Borrowers

Legal Update | 05.19.2020

PPP Loan Forgiveness Application and Instructions Now Available

Legal Update | 04.24.2020

Additional PPP Funding Available Soon and More SBA Clarifications

Legal Update | 04.14.2020

PPP Loan Forgiveness: What Borrowers and Lenders Need to Know

Legal Update | 04.08.2020

Paycheck Protection Loans under the CARES Act: FAQs for Lenders Seeking Assistance

Legal Update | 04.08.2020

New FAQs from SBA and the Department of the Treasury Provide Clarifications on the Paycheck Protection Program

Legal Update | 04.03.2020

Payroll Protection Loans Under the CARES Act: Updated FAQs for Companies Seeking Assistance

Legal Update | 04.01.2020

Updated: Payroll Protection Loans Under the CARES Act: FAQs for Companies Seeking Assistance

Legal Update | 03.26.2020

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Due to COVID-19 FAQs

Legal Update | 09.03.2019

Filling the LIBOR Vacuum

Legal Update | 03.01.2019

It's the End of LIBOR as We Know It

Legal Update | 12.03.2018

Delaware Divisions: Are Your Loan Documents Sufficient to Protect You?

Legal Update | 09.04.2018

What to Expect Under the New FinCEN Beneficial Ownership Rule

Legal Update | 12.01.2017

Filer Beware: A Lesson on Debtor Name

Publications & Presentations

Quoted in "Minnesota's Small Businesses Bear Biggest Burden of the COVID Recession," *StarTribune.com*, May 3, 2020

Co-Author, "Do Leveraged Lending Guidelines Reduce Risk?", *FredNEWS: Bank & Finance*, September 2017

"Minnesota's New LLC Act: Update," *FredNEWS: Bank & Finance*, June 2016

“Minnesota’s New LLC Act: One Reason Banks Should Care,” *FredNEWS: Bank & Finance*, March 2016

“Filer Beware: A Lesson on the UCC-3 Termination Statement,” *FredNEWS: Bank & Finance*, March 2015