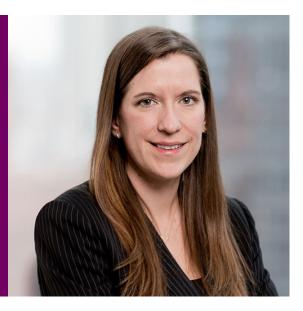


# Christina J. Lesko Counsel

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Christina is an experienced business litigator and advisor, counseling her corporate and financial institution clients through both complex litigation and asset sales.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Christina is an attorney in the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on the financial industries sector, with an emphasis in securities litigation.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented financial institutions through the disposition of their distressed asset portfolios, including through Article 9 sales, litigation with debtors and third parties, and transfer and sale of the underlying assets.
- Represented officers and shareholders of a closely held corporation in actions involving breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- Represented business partners in a matter involving breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims regarding a land investment dispute.
- Represented lenders in multiple breach of contract and guaranty actions in both state and federal court.
- Obtained removal, reassignment, and stays of multiple class actions pending in the Northern District of Illinois in favor of a first filed action pending in federal court in D.C. for a mortgage lender, consolidating the client's risk and exposure.
- Assisted in representing the Wisconsin State Legislature in various state and federal matters.
- Obtained favorable resolution for securities underwriters against a multimillion-dollar securities fraud class action in the Southern District of New York regarding the initial public offering of a Chinese company.
- Successfully mediated or otherwise resolved numerous actions against broker-dealers and brokers before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
- Represented purchaser before the Southern District of Iowa in a multimillion-dollar dispute regarding the seller's breach of an asset purchase agreement and successfully compelled arbitration of the parties' dispute over the post-closing purchase price adjustment.
- Represented national bank in a \$30 million lawsuit involving the sale of distressed debt in the Northern District of California, obtaining dismissal of all contract and tort claims.
- Successfully mediated claims for a financial institution brought by numerous property owners asserting

negligence, fraud, and failure to disclose material defects.

- Represented a business owner in an action in the Eastern District of Texas involving the multimillion-dollar sale of a startup software company and the purchaser's breach of the promissory note.
- Represented multiple banks in various complex foreclosure matters.

## **AWARDS**

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## **TOP AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Business Litigation
- Secured Lender Representation
- Securities Litigation

# **ALL AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Financial Services
- <u>Litigation + Trial</u>
- Secured Lender Representation
- Securities Litigation

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

• Director of Lawyers for Veterans, First Responders & Educators, 2011-present

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Staff attorney to the lowa Court of Appeals, 2016-2017
- Legal extern to the Honorable Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2010

# **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **EDUCATION**

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2011
- Wheaton College, B.A., magna cum laude, 2008

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Illinois
- lowa

# **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Iowa
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa

## **CLERKSHIPS**

- Hon. Michael Mullins, Iowa Court of Appeals, 2016-2017
- Hon. James E. Gritzner, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa, 2011-2013