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## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

arge financial institutions are experiencing new opportunities and facing persistent challenges as our nation's economy and lending markets continue to emerge from a historic recession. It has never been more important for banks to have the right documents, a culture of strict regulatory compliance, and an experienced team who can address their emerging business needs as well as resolve lingering disputes and non-performing assets. Lewis Brisbois lawyers are able to serve the needs of financial institutions nationwide through our 27 offices in major markets throughout the United States.

Lewis Brisbois approaches the unique needs of financial institutions by utilizing its corporate, real estate, loan workout, and commercial litigation and litigation defense practice groups. Working in tandem, our lawyers are able to handle the wide range of legal work banks require including the following.

### **Areas of Experience**

- Commercial loan documents
- Consumer loan documents
- Real Estate mortgage loan documents (including construction, bridge, and permanent)
- Merger & Acquisition and Investment Financing documents
- Inter-Creditor Agreements, Bonds, and Debentures
- Liquidation of distressed and REO assets
- Loss Mitigation (including workouts of distressed loans, forbearance agreements, , loan restructuring and amendment to loan documents)
- Mortgage foreclosure litigation
- Consumer credit litigation (including class actions)
- Fair Debt Collections Practices Act compliance and litigation
- Truth-In-lending Act litigation
- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act litigation
- Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act litigation
- Fair Credit Reporting Act litigation
- Regulatory compliance including Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
- Lender-liability claims
- Labor and Employment
- Entertainment Industry Financing and Security Interests in Intellectual Property Assets
- Commercial litigation
- FINRA litigation
- Collections and enforcing rights against collateral
- Environmental due diligence for real estate collateral or REO property
- Money Laundering
- Defense of Claims Against Fiduciaries
- Board of Directors Defense & Counsel













The following pages contain the biographies of the Lewis Brisbois lawyers who, working as a team, have the experience to meet the unique needs of financial institutions and guide them through complex regulatory schemes, loan and consumer transactions, and litigation.

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Established in 1979, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP is a national, full-service law firm with nearly 900 attorneys and 30 offices, in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Our national practice is sophisticated, multi-faceted and well-versed in current legal trends, while our individual state practices provide vast resources and knowledge of procedural and legal nuances.

Lewis Brisbois offers legal practice in nearly 30 specialties, and a multitude of sub-specialties associated with each practice area. Our attorneys have broad knowledge, expertise, and sensitivity to their clients' unique needs. Through interaction among its practice groups, Lewis Brisbois provides a wide range of legal services to each client with a continuity of representation over multiple disciplines. We have built longstanding relationships with corporate and institutional clients based on our ability to provide comprehensive service on a national scale.

At Lewis Brisbois, diversity is an integral part of our firm culture and our daily life. We accomplish diversity not by committee or initiative, but through the true and committed practice of hiring the best people for the job and consistently rewarding excellence. The success of these policies is reflected in the fact that Lewis Brisbois has repeatedly received national recognition for its commitment to embracing diversity. Lewis Brisbois is committed to hiring and retaining a diverse group of talented lawyers and staff, and demonstrates that commitment through non-discriminatory hiring, retention and promotion policies. The diversity of the firm's client base is matched by the diversity of our attorneys. With offices from Los Angeles to New York, our attorneys reflect the communities in which they live. The firm's culture has fostered a diverse group of professionals committed to promoting the best interests of our clients, our communities and the legal profession. We are committed to supporting diversity through new and ongoing relationships with minority and women-owned businesses.

Lewis Brisbois is known for its commitment to principled advocacy, an unflinching work ethic, and unyielding recognition of our duty to provide the highest level of service to our clients, who choose us because we take the time to understand their business interests and philosophies. We have developed sophisticated proprietary risk evaluation and litigation management processes that many of our clients have incorporated into their business practices, and we help them manage and defend claims and litigation. As a result, they are avoiding and reducing losses that impact their bottom line. Our practice includes pre-suit counseling and problem solving based on a structured and accurate analysis of likely outcome. We know our clients' objectives are often best served by a pre-suit resolution, and we are often judged by the advice and counsel we provide toward that end. However, when trial is the answer and in the client's best interest, no law firm in this country understands and better executes a trial strategy than Lewis Brisbois. We are truly client driven and result oriented.

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