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Practice Areas

Banking

Corporate Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, Marquette
University Law School

Bachelor of Science,
Northwestern University,
communication, *with honors*



Jason E. Kuwayama is a shareholder in the Banking practice in the firm's Milwaukee office. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, asset purchases and sales, corporate governance, and general securities matters.

Jason works with regulated and non-regulated corporations in a variety of corporate concerns, including startup/formation, organic growth, and acquisitions or sales. He routinely represents state and federally chartered financial institutions in regulatory matters as well as *de novo* formation and myriad M&A matters.

Jason has significant experience with debt-side transactions, having represented financial institutions and private equity firms in the purchase and sale of approximately \$15 billion of commercial and residential asset portfolios in both performing and non-performing markets. He also assists financial institutions with the development of correspondent programs for the purchase and securitization of loan portfolios.

In addition to his debt-side work, Jason's equity-side work includes representing private equity investors in capital deployment as well as representing corporations seeking investments at various stages of their respective growth cycles.

Jason graduated with honors from Northwestern University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in communication with a concentration in argumentation and advocacy. Jason earned his law degree from Marquette University Law School, where he was a teaching assistant for the Legal Writing and Research program and was a member of the school's Moot Court Executive Board.

Representative Experience

Asset Regulated Mergers and Acquisitions. Jason represents state and federally chartered financial institutions in myriad M&A matters, including *de novo* formation, acquisition or sale of business lines, acquisition or sale of regulated and non-regulated subsidiaries, and acquisition or sale of financial institutions and bank holding companies.

Non-Regulated Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions. Jason routinely assists companies in the manufacturing and service sectors with startup, corporate governance, organic growth, and strategic acquisitions or sales.

Asset Purchases and Sales. Jason has represented numerous financial institutions and private equity firms in the structured offerings and asset purchases of approximately \$15 billion of performing and non-performing assets. Serving as lead counsel for these national and multi-regional transactions, Jason has negotiated the definitive purchase and sale agreements and managed the integrated legal aspects of these trades.

Representative Experience

Equity Deployment. Jason has represented numerous private equity firms and investors in connection with their equity and combined debt/equity investments in a variety of concerns, including financial institutions, manufacturers and startups.

Development of Banking Products and Services. Jason regularly advises banks on the development of strategic bank offerings, including developing banking products and services for mobile phones and the Internet.

Recapitalizations and Offering Memoranda. Jason assists many clients with private placement memoranda and has represented financial institutions in connection with recapitalizations through exempt and non-exempt stock offerings.

Non-Profit Lending and Licensing. Jason assists a non-profit corporation with its corporate governance as well as with obtaining regulatory approval and licenses to make low-interest consumer loans to financially disadvantaged families throughout the United States.

Regulatory Compliance. A core part of Jason's practice includes regularly advising banks on complying with various banking regulations, including the implementing regulations of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and the USA PATRIOT Act. He also advises banks on complying with rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control

Professional Association Memberships

Milwaukee Bar Association
Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association

Activities

Brookfield Academy – Finance Committee
HEAR Wisconsin, Inc. – Board of Directors
Marquette University Law School – Alumni Board Diversity Recruitment Committee
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre – Board of Directors
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – Board of Directors
Wisconsin Forum, Inc. – Board of Directors
Wisconsin State Bar, Business Law Section – Board of Directors
Independent Business Association of Wisconsin – Past Board of Directors

Honors

Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2011 - present)
Named an Up & Coming Lawyer by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* (2010)