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Joseph Porter, Jr. is a partner in the firm's Corporate Services and Financial and Real Estate Services practice groups. With more than 35 years of experience, he provides counsel to a variety of corporations on transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions, equity offerings, financing arrangements and strategic planning. Joseph's practice focuses on financial institutions and the special regulatory issues involved in the operation of state and federal banks, and savings and loan associations.

Joseph provides assistance to clients with acquisitions and divestitures, corporate restructurings, regulatory compliance issues, introduction of new product lines, and expansion into other geographic areas through branching and acquisition.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1979)
 - Saint Louis University Law Journal
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Fraternity
- University of Missouri-St. Louis (B.S., *cum laude*, 1979)
 - Beta Gamma Sigma, Business School Honor Fraternity

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Bankers Association
- Community Bankers Association of Illinois
- Illinois Bankers Association
- Missouri Bankers Association
- Missouri Bankers Association Bank Legal Issues Conference (Chair, 2013)
- Missouri Independent Bankers Association
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Past Member, Board of Directors)
- Missouri Supreme Court Gender and Justice Task Force (Co-Chair, 1992-1995)

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate
Financial Services
Governance and Compliance
Internal Investigations and
Regulatory Compliance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Outside General Counsel
Noncompete and Trade
Secrets
Privacy and Data Security
Securities Regulation and
Litigation
Financial Services and Banking

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Illinois

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- The Mercantile Library (Board of Directors)
- University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Council (2002-2015, 2017-present)
- University of Missouri – Missouri 100 (2013-2015)
- Incarnate Word Academy (Past Member, Board of Trustees)
- DePaul Health Center Foundation (Past Member, Board of Directors)
- University of Missouri-St. Louis Business School (Alumni Board and Dean's Council)
- Saint Louis University Law Alumni Association (Past President)
- SSM Rehabilitation Institute (Past President, Board of Directors)
- University of Missouri–St. Louis Alumni Association (Past President)

ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®; Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law (2006-present)
- Named Best Lawyers “St. Louis Banking and Finance Law Lawyer of the Year” (2012)
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Guide to Leading Lawyers for Business, Corporate/M&A; St. Louis & Surrounds* (2010-2015)
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* (2005-present)
- AV Rated *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Presidential Citation Award from University of Missouri (2006)
- Distinguished Alumni Award from University of Missouri-St. Louis (2000)

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Joseph was a shareholder at a St. Louis firm where he chaired the Banking practice group and served as vice chair of the Corporate and Transactional practice group.

EXPERIENCE

Acquisition of Community Bank and Formation of Bank Holding Company by Investor Group

Represented the principals of a financial planning and investment management company and other investors in the formation of a bank holding company to acquire and recapitalize a troubled community bank. This included providing counsel on forming the bank holding company, identifying the target, negotiating the acquisition, raising capital, and securing regulatory approvals.

\$34 Million Company Asset Sale

Represented a client in the \$34 million sale of client assets and related companies. This was a multi-state transaction of the largest producer and distributor of rubber mulch in the United States.

Brought Charges Against Criminal Defendant in Bank Fraud Case

Coordinated interaction with federal investigative agencies and U.S. Attorney's Office to bring charges against criminal defendant that perpetrated bank fraud against victim client.

Bank Acquisition by Mortgage Company

Represented the owner of a mortgage company in its purchase of a distressed community bank in the first acquisition of its kind involving a mortgage company. In order for the purchase to occur, the client had to undergo a corporate reorganization and establish a holding company to own the mortgage company and purchase the bank. As part of the transaction, we were able to gain approval from the Federal Reserve and other bank regulators to allow the client to gradually fold its mortgage operations into the bank over time.

Bank Acquisition with Complicated Regulatory Approval

Represented a banking corporation in its acquisition by a bank holding company after two prior attempts to sell the bank had failed due to regulatory issues. The transaction involved a complicated approval process that included negotiating a consent order with the Federal Reserve. Both the consent order and sale had to be approved by the Federal Reserve Board.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

December 1, 2018

2018 M&A Activity - Continued Industry Consolidation

The Show-Me Banker

January 1, 2015

Missouri Mergers and Acquisitions

The Show-Me Banker

February 1, 2014

Disparate Impact Remains Fair Lending Risk to Banks

BankNews