



THOR T. MATHISON, CIPP/US

ASSOCIATE

St. Louis, MO

314.259.4718

tmathison@armstrongteasdale.com



Thor Mathison, a member of the firm's Corporate Services practice group, has a diverse practice focusing on corporate legal and regulatory issues, including complex technology and commercial contracts, digital payment systems, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities, as well as general corporate governance and compliance. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

As former general counsel for a multinational financial technology services company, Thor gained significant experience in the online payment solutions space, including familiarity with the regulatory and compliance issues that impact fintech companies. He is well-established in the digital currency space, including Bitcoin and blockchain technology more broadly, as well as the legal issues surrounding the emerging cryptocurrency industry. Thor has directly advised clients on a variety of fintech and cryptocurrency issues, including mining operations, money transmission licensure, and general regulatory compliance and corporate governance.

Thor often acts as outside general counsel for his clients, providing pragmatic advice on business operations and strategic transactions. He has an active transactional practice, assisting small technology startups to Fortune 500 companies with both domestic and cross border complex mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures.

Supporting emerging companies, Thor guides businesses through scaling and corporate governance matters, as well as complex transactions, including private equity and venture capital investments. He routinely assists startups with technology agreements and other complex domestic and cross-border commercial contracts, including the negotiation and implementation of data security and privacy provisions.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2011)
- University of Wisconsin (B.A., *with honors*, 2008)
 - International Comparative Politics

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate
Emerging Companies
Financial Services
Governance and Compliance
International
Mergers and Acquisitions
Outside General Counsel
Privacy and Data Security
Securities Regulation and Litigation
Technology Transactions
Technology

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Illinois
Wisconsin

BACKGROUND

Before his position as general counsel for a multinational financial technology and services company specializing in online payment solutions, Thor was an associate attorney in private practice at another large St. Louis corporate law firm.

EXPERIENCE

Acquisition of Construction Contracting Business

Assisted client in the acquisition of a construction contracting business to allow for geographic expansion.

\$57.6 Million Private Equity Sale of Filtered Water Cooler Provider

Served as legal adviser to a private equity firm in the \$57.6 million sale of a provider and manufacturer of filtered water coolers and related products.

IRS Notice Contested for Online Payments Client

Successfully contested a notice of deficiency from the Internal Revenue Service for an online payments provider. The notice stated the client owed taxes and penalties in excess of \$1 million.

Because the client often holds money in escrow for its clients and then disburses the funds, the IRS misinterpreted that money as actual income. We submitted a letter to the IRS notifying them of their error and began preparing a Tax Court petition. In the end, the IRS responded and ultimately closed the case with no additional tax liability.

Lead Counsel to Payments Processing Company

Lead counsel on successive transactions wherein client was deploying existing technology in innovative arrangements and new service lines with key business partners.