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Wendi Alper-Pressman is an experienced financial and real estate services partner having served financial institutions and their customers for decades. Her practice focuses on representing both borrowers and lenders in connection with construction financing, asset-based loan facilities and commercial real estate loans.

Wendi has worked with a wide range of clients, including developers, business owners, finance companies and banks of all sizes, on issues such as loan workouts and restructurings, forbearance agreements, foreclosures, bankruptcy proceedings, enforcement actions, lender liability and other litigation.

She has litigated dischargeability complaints, preferences and fraudulent conveyance actions, as well as issues relating to the allowance of claims, validity of liens and executory contracts. Wendi is also experienced in bankruptcy filings on behalf of unsecured creditors, as well as the development and implementation of sophisticated strategies on behalf of secured creditors, equipment lessors, landlords and official unsecured creditors' committees, including retiree committees.

Recently, Wendi has also represented several law firms in connection with negotiating and structuring of litigation financing transactions with nontraditional lenders and has prepared nonconsolidation opinions for special purpose entities in connection with securitized loan facilities.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Wendi served as a partner in the St. Louis office of a large national law firm.

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law (J.D., 1985)
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., 1982)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Missouri Bar Association (Financial Services Committee, 2015-2020)
- Risk Management Association (Board of Directors, 2008-present; President, 2015)
- American Bankruptcy Institute

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Financial Services and Banking

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. Supreme Court

- International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law (Associate Editor)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Board of Directors (2009-present); Leading Ladies Committee (2010 -present); Finance Committee (2021-present)
- St. Louis County Industrial Development Authority, Board Member
- Clayton Community Foundation, Board Member/Major Gifts Committee/Maryland Park Committee
- AccessMO, Board Member

ACCOLADES

- Most Influential Business Women, St. Louis Business Journal (2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2018-present); Banking and Finance Law (2019-present); Financial Services Regulation Law (2024-present); Lawyer of the Year (2023)
- Mentor Honoree, Missouri Lawyers Media Up & Coming Awards (2020)
- 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, Lawdragon (2020, 2022)
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*® (2012-present); Top 50 Women in Missouri and Kansas (2015–2016); Top 50 in St. Louis (2016)
- AV® Peer Review Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*

EXPERIENCE

\$200 Million Syndicated Loan Facility

Represented borrower law firm in the structuring and negotiation of a syndicated loan facility in the amount of \$200 million.

\$145 Million Credit Facility for Law Firm

Represented borrower law firm in the restructuring and negotiation of an amended and restated credit facility in the amount of \$145 million.

Documentation of \$79 Million-plus Construction Loan

Represented regional bank in connection with documentation of construction loan for development of three commercial warehouses in North Carolina with an aggregate commitment of over \$79 million.

Documentation of \$21 Million Loans, Credit Line

Represented regional bank in connection with the documentation of term loans on real estate and equipment and revolving line of credit secured by inventory and accounts totaling \$21 million.

Represented Construction Company in Chapter 11 Reorganization

Represented debtor in Chapter 11, Subchapter V bankruptcy case with contingent liabilities in excess of \$25 million and secured indebtedness of approximately \$4.5

million, and negotiated consensual reorganization plan with all constituents.

Negotiation of \$200 Million Credit Facility

Represented regional bank in negotiation and documentation of \$200 million syndicated line of credit facility to industrial real estate developer.

\$115 Million Credit Facility for Law Firm

Represented borrower law firm in multi-tranche revolving credit facility in the amount of \$115 million.

Work-Out of \$65 Million Credit Facility

Represented borrower entity in successful work-out of \$65 million revolving credit facility and the subsequent asset sale, resulting in full payment to creditors and significant distribution to shareholders.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

July 6, 2023

Amid Economic Challenges, Bank Regulators Issue Final Policy Statement Addressing Distressed Commercial Loan Workouts

Fall 2009

Missouri Creditors Remedies, Sixth Edition

Missouri Bar Publications

Fall 2007

Missouri Bankruptcy Practice, Second Edition

Missouri Bar Publications