# **Mike Hilliard**

Shareholder

Practices: Finance & Lending; Restructuring & Insolvency; Syndicated Finance; Energy Lending; Alternate & Renewable Energy Industries: Financial Services

Mike Hilliard's experience covers the full range of financial services, banking issues and credit transactions. His principal emphasis today is on complex lending transactions, workouts, leveraged leasing, credit products and project finance.

## **Representative Experience**

- Represents and counsels lenders, administrative agents, credit enhancers, note purchasers and lender groups in a broad range of secured and unsecured debt financings covering a myriad of industries, including acquisition finance, syndicated credits, highly leveraged transactions, mezzanine finance, oil and gas production loans, equipment and project finance, troubled loan restructurings, Ex-Im Bank guaranteed facilities, and complex intercreditor and subordination arrangements
- Represents and counsels financial institutions in a broad range of business, corporate and regulatory matters, including asset sales, loan portfolio sales, auctions (open outcry and sealed bid) of owned real estate, product development and implementation, purchase and sale transactions and bids for failed institutions
- Represents and counsels lenders, lessees, trustees and equity participants in leveraged lease and project finance transactions, including those relating to independent power projects, electric generation, manufacturing facilities, aircraft, heavy equipment, marine assets, microwave transmission equipment, rail equipment, oil and gas production equipment and underground storage facilities
- Represents and counsels developers, buyers and sellers in project development and asset and stock transactions involving electric energy projects, oil and gas, and leveraged lease portfolios

# Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- New York City Bar
- The Missouri Bar
- New York State Bar Association
- American College of Investment Counsel (Fellow)
- American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers (Fellow and Regent)
- American Bar Association
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel (Former Director)
- Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys
- Houston Grand Opera (Trustee)
- The Interlex Group International Law Firm Network (Director)



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#### Education

University of Notre Dame Law School – J.D.

St. Louis University - B.A.

# Awards & Recognition

- Chambers USA Guide to America, Chambers & Partners Publishing, 2004-2008, 2010-2023
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2007, 2010-2019
- The Best Lawyers in America, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2011-2024
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas*, 2014, 2016-2017
- Who's Who Legal, Law Business Research Ltd., 2008

## Admissions

- New York
- Texas
- Missouri