

Kathryn Puls

PARTNER

Chicago

312.845.3018

kathpuls@chapman.com



Kathryn Puls is a partner in Chapman's Fintech and Payments practice and a member of the Bank Corporate Group and Banking and Financial Services Department. She focuses her practice on counseling state and national banks, financial technology companies, and other financial institutions on legal, regulatory, and commercial issues relating to fintech and the payments industry and negotiating commercial agreements with fintech companies, merchants, financial institutions, payment service providers, card schemes, and other payment system participants.

Kathryn's experience includes advising on matters involving legal and regulatory risks facing fintechs and financial institutions, as well as contract and treasury management matters including commercial credit card and other bank products. Kathryn also advises payment industry participants on program participation, market entry, and product rollouts.

Prior to joining Chapman in 2018, Kathryn practiced in-house for one of the largest US banks. Kathryn's in-house experience includes advising on credit card issuing, payments, treasury products, and regulatory issues facing financial institutions and their clients.

Throughout her career, Kathryn has been active in several pro bono initiatives including veteran benefits and asylum matters. During her studies at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Kathryn volunteered in the Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons clinical program, where she handled a variety of post-conviction legal matters. In addition to her pro bono work, Kathryn collaborates with Chapman's Wellness Partner in overseeing comprehensive wellness initiatives for the firm.

Admitted

Illinois

Wisconsin

Education

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., 2012

Marquette University, M.A., History, 2007

Marquette University, B.A., History, 2004

Practice Focus

Bank Mergers and Acquisitions and Regulatory Applications

Bank Regulatory Matters

Bank Secrecy/USA Patriot Act and OFAC

Banking and Financial Services

Cash Management and Payment Systems

Chartering of Financial Institutions

Commercial Lending

Consumer Credit Transactions

Consumer Financial Services

Credit Card Lending and Processing

Deposit and Investment
Products

Fair Lending and Equal Credit
Opportunity

Fintech and Marketplace
Lending

Interest and Usury

Internet Banking

Non-Banking Activity
Approvals

Outsourcing and Vendor
Service Agreements

Payment Products and
Systems

Privacy and Fair Credit
Reporting

Technology and Payment
Processing