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Michelle (King) Kesner is a partner in Chapman's Banking and Financial Services Department and is a member of the Commercial Lending Practice Group where she focuses her practice on acquisition financing, sponsor finance, commercial lending, and leveraged finance. The bedrock of Michelle's practice involves advising a range of clients, including banks and other alternative financing institutions and vehicles, in connection with documenting and structuring credit transactions, including asset-based financings, cash flow loans, cross-border secured transactions, and multi-currency credit facilities. With an emphasis on large cap and middle market spaces, Michelle's clients include lead arrangers, administrative agents, collateral agents, and lenders in connection with structuring, negotiating, and documenting acquisition financings involving both private equity sponsors and strategic purchasers.

Michelle's transactions span a number of industries, including health care (service providers, device manufacturers, pharmaceutical services, healthcare IT, and clinical services), accounting, industrials, agriculture, food and consumer manufacturers and retailers, consulting and business services, education, technology, media, and insurance.

Michelle has considerable experience negotiating various types of debt and equity structures, including first lien/second lien financings, first-out/last-out and unitranche facilities, and mezzanine financings.

Prior to joining the firm, Michelle was an associate at the New York office of the Boston-based law firm of Goodwin Procter, LLP, where she focused on mezzanine financings.

## Admitted

New York

Illinois

## Education

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2010

■ Articles Editor, *Legal Forum*

Duke University, B.S., Political Science, *summa cum laude*, 2007

## Practice Focus

Agribusiness Lending

Asset-Based Lending

Banking and Financial Services

Commercial Lending

Commercial Lending and Real Estate

Health Care Finance

Health Care Lending

Loan Syndications and Trading/Syndicated Credits

Project Finance

Senior Lending