

Moira C.G. Watson, PhD

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Moira focuses her practice on commercial finance, corporate, and M&A matters.

In the commercial finance space, Moira regularly represents and advises institutions (including agricultural lenders) in a variety of financing transactions, including working capital credit facilities, asset-based financings, and acquisition finances. She has experience as lead counsel in large, syndicated loan transactions as well.

As a corporate and M&A attorney representing both for-profit entities as well as tax-exempt organizations, Moira's representative work includes mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, structuring and advising on partnerships, joint ventures, joint development agreements and other complex contractual arrangements. She also advises her commercial and tax-exempt clients on matters of general corporate governance and compliance.

In addition to her full time practice, Moira has taught Secured Transactions and Corporate Finance at the University of Oklahoma College of Law and is a frequently invited speaker at the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business. She has also published a chapter in *Oklahoma Business and Commercial Law* (2023), entitled, "The UCC in Oklahoma and Statutory Divergences" and was a member of the Oklahoma Legislative Review Committee charged with reviewing and advising on amendments to the Oklahoma Uniform Commercial Code.

Practices

Banking & Financial Services

- Food & Agribusiness

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights

Corporate & Business Services

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures

Real Estate

Healthcare

- Healthcare Transactions

Education

- Rice University (B.A., 2002)
- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2005)
- University of Oxford (PhD/DPhil in Law, 2015)

Admissions

- Texas (2005)
- Oklahoma (2016)

Experience

- 2016 - Present Hall Estill
- 2010 - 2015 A boutique energy firm (Oxford, UK)
- 2005 - 2010 Norton Rose Fulbright LLP (formerly Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston, Texas)

Honors & Awards

- Recognized as Best Lawyer Oklahoma City, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law
- Recognized as an Achiever Under 40 by the Journal Record in 2018

Community & Professional Involvement

- Sisu Youth Services Board of Directors
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Financial Institutions and Commercial Law Section, Vice Chair
- Oklahoma Uniform Commercial Code, Legislative Review Committee, Member
- Oklahoma Humanities Board of Trustees, Member
- Downtown Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, Member
- Oxford Society of the Great Plains, Co-Founder and President
- Rice Association of Volunteer Alumni, Member

Articles & Presentations

Recent Examples Include:

- Watson, Moira C.G., *The UCC in Oklahoma and Statutory Divergences*, in Oklahoma Business and Commercial Law (Irving L. Faught ed., 2023)
- University of Oklahoma College of Law, Professor in Practice 2015 –Present, Secured Transactions and Corporate Law
- University of Oklahoma Price Business College of Business, Frequent Guest Lecturer in Business Law course offered by Dr. Colleen Baker
- University of Oklahoma College of Law, Invited Guest Lecturer in Oil & Gas Contracts course offered by Professor Monika Erhman
- Guest Speaker, Oklahoma City Real Property Lawyers Association
- Guest Speaker, Oklahoma Bar Association, Financial Institutions and Commercial Law
- Guest Speaker, Hall Estill Lunch and Learn Presentations