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Steve Edwards has practiced in the area of structured finance since 1978. Mr. Edwards has advised clients throughout the world on structuring and documenting financial instruments, with an emphasis on their tax aspects. These transactions have included billions of dollars of public debt offerings with a wide variety of issuers and credit sources. Mr. Edwards' practice is currently focused on servicing matters in the commercial mortgage-backed securities market, where he advises clients on a variety of issues associated with real estate mortgage investment conduits and grantor trust tax matters. Specific types of financings in which he has served as the senior attorney include: securitization and asset-backed securities; derivatives and structured finance; tax-exempt mutual funds and equipment leasing; and project finance (including resource recovery facilities, toll roads, water, and wastewater facilities).

Mr. Edwards was resident in the Singapore office of a major law firm for several years and, during that period, participated as senior attorney in a wide variety of off-shore financings, including syndicated and bilateral loans to Indonesian, Thai, Indian, and Malaysian borrowers, floating-rate notes listed on the Luxembourg exchange, and convertible bonds issued by regional borrowers; advised on the formation of several off-shore funds for the purchase of obligations of Indonesian issuers; advised participants in the documentation of derivatives transactions; and advised a major Indonesian brokerage house in qualifying to sell securities in various foreign jurisdictions in Asia, Europe, and the United States.

Mr. Edwards has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Securitization and Structured Finance Law each year since 2010. He was also listed in *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in America*. He is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

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Experience

Advised national financial services firm regarding participation in the federal government's Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility ("TALF") program and Private Investment Program ("PPIP").

Represented a major life insurance company in restructuring financings for 32 multi-family housing developments.

Represented major global investment banking firm for a key element of a multi-billion-dollar claim against it for failure to comply with state law requirements for the sale of securities and derivatives.

Developed a due diligence disclosure compliance program for exempt securities for one of the world's largest securities firms and advised on the implementation of the program.

The firm served as lead counsel in representing a private equity firm in connection with restructurings of CMBS trusts and related portfolios.

Lawyers work with organizations that represent death row inmates in various jurisdictions by researching and analyzing discrete areas of the law as they pertain to the inmate's circumstances. In connection with the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Project, we produced an analysis of all fifty states' appellate practices in death penalty cases and convinced the California Supreme Court to withdraw proposed changes that would have limited appeals.

Represented a large New York-based national independent stock transfer agency in establishing successor borrower programs in connection with defeasances of CMBS trusts and restructuring of the related portfolios.

Education

University of Michigan Law School J.D. (1978) *cum laude*

University of Michigan B.A. (1975) *with high honors and high distinction*

Admissions

Georgia (1999)

Michigan (inactive) (1980)

Pennsylvania (inactive) (1980)

Wisconsin (inactive) (1978)

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