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Leah Petersen is a member of the firm's commercial finance team. She assists clients in a broad spectrum of financing transactions, ranging from widely syndicated to single-lender and club deals. Her clients include financial institutions, private equity groups, venture capital funds, and corporate borrowers. Leah has extensive experience with acquisition financings, asset-based lending, and mezzanine/second lien structures. She also regularly represents clients in cross-border transactions. Leah handles all aspects of credit facilities involving bridge loans, note purchase investments, work-outs, and recapitalizations. In addition to her finance work, Leah also advises clients on general operational, fund formation, and corporate governance issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Leah was a managing associate in the Atlanta, Georgia office of an international law firm where she represented companies, private equity groups, and other financial institutions in a variety of corporate finance transactions.

Prior to attending law school, Leah served as a Project Coordinator for Spirit of the Sun, an AmeriCorps Service to America (VISTA) program, that addresses three AmeriCorps' focus areas — environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and healthy futures — and serves both Native and Indigenous youth and elders, while encouraging inter-generational collaboration.

Leah was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2026 and 2027 for Banking and Finance Law. She was also recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" in 2021 for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law, in 2022 and 2023 for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law, and again in 2024 and 2025 for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged

Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. She was recognized as a Georgia “Rising Star” in 2023 and 2024 for Securities and Corporate Finance by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

Experience

*Represented Canadian chartered bank in multiple cross-border financing transactions in media, manufacturing, SaaS, and healthcare technology industries.

*Counsel to lender in an asset-based revolving credit facility to a trucking company, in which a fleet of over 600 vehicles served as lender's primary collateral.

*Represented bank as lead arranger and administrative agent in providing asset-based credit facility for pharmacy retailer.

*Represented private lender providing secured working capital line of credit to a group of skilled nursing home facilities.

*Counsel to private borrower in credit facility involving senior debt facility, mezzanine financing, and subordinated financing provided by private lenders.

*Represented senior lender providing revolving line of credit and term loan facility to seller of heavy equipment, construction equipment, and agricultural equipment.

*Represented a multi-media and technology company that produces content principally for the hunting, fishing, and outdoor markets in the acquisition of a technical hunting apparel company.

*Represented two private equity funds in connection with a variety of mezzanine and growth equity investments in several companies.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

Education

Georgia State University, College of Law J.D. (2014) *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

George Washington University B.A. (2010) Political Science, Public Policy Focus

Admissions

Georgia (2014)

Professional & Community Activities

Secured Finance Network, Member

OnBoard, Member

Georgia Bar Association, Member

Insights

News Releases

Kilpatrick Attorneys Once Again Earn Outstanding Recognitions in 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

August 20, 2026

News Releases

126 Kilpatrick Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

November 11, 2024

News Releases

131 Kilpatrick Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America®

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News Releases

Kilpatrick Elects Partners and Elevates Counsel for 2024

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Significant Number of Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

August 17, 2023