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Ms. Lewis represents national and regional financial institutions on commercial loan origination matters, including the structuring, negotiation and documentation of agented and syndicated loan transactions. Her experience encompasses leveraged buyout and sponsor-financed transactions, asset-based loans, commercial real estate transactions, including mortgage warehouse and mortgage repurchase facilities, and multi-currency facilities.

She also has extensive experience in negotiation and closing debt facilities involving mezzanine debt, subordinated debt and second lien debt. Ms. Lewis has also assisted banks with the development of standard documentation for syndicated credit facilities and sponsor-leveraged buyout transactions.

In law school, Ms. Lewis was an associate and contributing editor on the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. She also served two years on the Michigan Board of Audiology. She received the "Barrister of the Year 1999-2000" award from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. She is recognized as a Rising Star in Michigan Super Lawyers 2010 under Banking. Ms. Lewis was also named to the *DBusiness* 2020 Top Lawyers List.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2013 and 2020, Banking & Financial Services
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2008-2010, Rising Star, Banking
- Detroit Bar Association, "Barrister of the Year," 1999-2000

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Detroit Bar Association (DBA)
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