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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.

Crain's Detroit Business named Ms. Lewis to its 2026 Class of Notable Women in Law. She received the "Barrister of the Year 1999-2000" award from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. She is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America 2026* under Banking and Finance Law and in *Michigan Rising Stars 2008-2010* under Banking. Ms. Lewis was also named to the *DBusiness* 2025 Top Lawyers List under Banking & Financial Service Law and an *IFLR1000* 2025 "Notable Practitioner" under Banking and Finance.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *Crain's Detroit Business* Notable Women in Law, 2026

practices & industries

Banking and Finance

Real Estate

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Michigan State University, B.A., with *honors*

admissions

Michigan

- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023-2026, Banking and Finance Law
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2013 and 2020-2025, Banking & Financial Service Law
- *IFLR1000* 2025, Banking and Finance "Notable Practitioner"-U.S. National
- *Michigan Rising Stars* 2008-2010, Rising Star, Banking
- Detroit Bar Association, "Barrister of the Year," 1999-2000