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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy, Restructuring and
Distressed Situations

Finance

Franchise Finance

Real Estate Finance

Education

Columbia University School of
Law, LL.M., 1996, Harlan Fiske
Stone Scholar

University of Houston Law Center,
J.D., *cum laude*, 1990

Texas A&M University, B.A.,
Finance, 1985

Bar & Court Admissions

New York

Ohio

Texas (inactive)

*Admitted to practice law only in
the states listed above.*

Travis is the firm's partner in charge of operations and is the immediate past chair of the firm's finance, energy and real estate group. He practices primarily in the areas of derivatives and finance. He has extensive experience in the representation of commercial and investment banks, financial institutional holding companies, and borrowers in the preparation and negotiation of single institution and syndicated secured and unsecured U.S. dollar and multicurrency credit facilities, private placements, and mezzanine and second lien financings.

Travis represents numerous financial institutions and public and private companies in derivatives activities, including advising on Dodd-Frank regulatory requirements and has a broad range of experience in the negotiation of derivative transactions and structured financial products, including transactions under the ISDA Master Agreement and related schedules and annexes, including credit support documentation.

Travis also advises clients in general business transactions, including acquisitions, sales, documentary and standby letters of credit and uniform rules for collections.

Career highlights include:

- Advised Greif, Inc. in its \$2.475 billion credit facility and \$500 million Notes offering in connection with the financing of Greif's acquisition of Caraustar Industries Inc., a Georgia-based box manufacturer, for a purchase price of \$1.8 billion
- Representation of financial institutions, bond issuers and business counterparties in complex accelerated stock repurchase transactions, equity and commodity derivative products, as well as interest rate and foreign exchange hedge transactions
- Negotiation of multiple billion dollar syndicated credit facilities and numerous multi-million dollar securitization, receivables and asset based financing transactions, including the negotiation and structuring of intercreditor and subordination documentation

Industries

Financial Institutions

Manufacturing

Private Equity

Retail and Consumer Products

- Serving with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry at the Japan External Trade Organization in Houston, Texas as an analyst in the oil and gas and technology arenas

Travis received an LL.M as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar from Columbia University School of Law. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Houston Law Center and his B.A. in finance from Texas A&M University.

Before joining Vorys, Travis practiced in the area of global corporate finance in New York.

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America, Banking and Finance Law, 2010-2024

Chambers and Partners, Leading Lawyer in Banking and Finance, 2018-2023

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2015-2016

IFLR1000 Corporate & Financial List, Banking and Finance and Capital Markets: Derivatives – Notable Practitioner, 2020