

ACIC New Member Spotlight

Raymond A. Ramirez, *Associate, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP*



Ray Ramirez represents clients in matters related to derivatives and structured products. He advises government-sponsored enterprises, insurance companies, publicly-traded commodity funds, energy companies and electric cooperatives that are derivatives end-users with respect to derivatives trading and compliance with the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) regulations. In particular, Ray counsels clients on how they may be impacted by the new regulatory regime imposed on the over-the-counter derivatives market by the Dodd-Frank Act and assists them in negotiating documentation and developing internal policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the new requirements.

As to why he joined ACIC, Ray said, "A number of my colleagues and clients are members of the ACIC. My practice is a regulatory and transactional one: I advise clients on the regulatory implications of using derivatives and assist in the negotiation of trading documentation, including as part of investment operations. I am looking forward to engaging with members of the ACIC group on the role that derivatives play in institutional investments and their impact on investors."

Michael Kremenak, *Vice President, Chief Legal Officer of the Thrivent Funds*



Michael Kremenak is a Vice President for Thrivent Financial and is the Chief Legal Officer of its mutual fund complex. In this role, he works on a broad range of issues supporting the firm's general account and its mutual fund business. Mr. Kremenak started his career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and has also worked at FAF Advisors and Nuveen Investments. He received his B.A. in economics and international relations from Claremont McKenna College and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

Mike responded, "I am excited to join the ACIC because of the great educational opportunities it presents. ACIC offers an unique opportunity to learn about legal issues and market practices affecting institutional investments and investors from the leading minds in the field."

Lisa D. Love, *Managing Partner, Love and Long, L.L.P.*



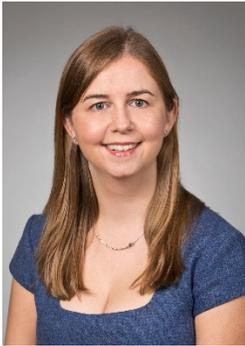
Lisa D. Love is the Managing Partner of Love and Long, L.L.P., a corporate and commercial transactions law firm with offices located in Newark, New Jersey, New York, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In her practice, Lisa represents Fortune 100 companies, federal and state governmental agencies, financial institutions, pension funds, insurance companies, non-profit corporations and middle market and emerging companies in corporate finance, municipal finance, mergers and acquisitions, lending, securities, corporate governance, real estate, leasing and redevelopment transactions.

Lisa earned a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.S. from Northeastern University. Lisa is a member of the New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and District of Columbia Bars. She is also a member of the National Bar Association, the Garden State Bar Association, the Association of Black Women Lawyers, and the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), where she is Co-Chair of the Transactional Practice Area Committee. Lisa serves on the Boards of the African-American Museum in Philadelphia, the Newark Arts Council and NAMWOLF, where she also serves as its Treasurer.

"Why did you join the ACIC, and how do you hope it will enhance your practice?"

I first became acquainted with the ACIC by attending several of its annual meetings. At those meetings, I enjoyed meeting other attorneys practicing in the area of financial transactions and appreciated the depth and diversity of the information that was presented at the meetings. By becoming a member of the ACIC, I hope to continue to gain insights and knowledge about current market developments in the finance industry and to expand relationships with other attorneys practicing in the investment and financial transactions area.

Emma Simmonds, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld



Emma Simmonds is a partner in the financial restructuring group at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and is based in London, working closely alongside Barry Russell. Her practice focuses on advising creditors on complex cross-border restructurings and refinancings. Emma acts for a broad range of financial institutions, including private placement noteholders, insurance companies, pension funds, hedge funds, banks, creditor committees and bondholders. She also has experience in advising on financing transactions and debt and claims trading. Emma is recommended for Financial Restructuring in *The UK Legal 1500*.

Emma has substantial experience advising institutional investors in cross-border financial restructuring transactions and has forged strong relationships with members of the ACIC community over the years. By becoming a member of the organisation, she hopes to build upon those relationships and to enhance her knowledge and experience further through involvement in training programmes, discussion forums and networking events. Emma is a regular contributor to the European section of the ACIC newsletter.

Mark Mansell, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld



Mark Mansell is a partner in the finance group at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and is based in London, working closely alongside Barry Russell. He represents financial institutions in a variety of debt financing transactions, with a specific focus on private placements. Mark also has experience acting for creditors on complex UK and cross-border workouts and financial restructurings. He is recommended for Debt Capital Markets in *The UK Legal 500*.

Mark focuses predominantly on advising institutional investors on cross-border private placement issuance and he has been involved in some of the most significant and cutting-edge transactions in recent years. The attraction to Mark for joining the ACIC is to have the ability to access new information and resources; discuss and share best practices with other members; and to participate in the ACIC's education programs. He also looks forward to expanding his existing network of relationships by attending conferences and other events.

Jenna Jenson, Senior Counsel for Thrivent Financial



Jenna Jenson is a Senior Counsel for Thrivent Financial where she leads the private investment legal team. Ms. Jenson was previously at Fredrikson & Byron where she focused on private equity and debt financing. She received her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law (Go Hawks!) and her B.S. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

As to why she joined ACIC, Jenna said, "I joined the ACIC after attending a fall conference where I left being very impressed with the collaborative and collegial nature of the organization. In addition, the interests of the members are well-aligned thereby providing thoughtful rhetoric among the group. The information and networks the ACIC provides has proven to be an invaluable tool for me in my position at Thrivent Financial."

Melissa Logan, Counsel with Babson Capital Management LLC

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Melissa Logan is Counsel with Babson Capital Management LLC. Melissa works with internal business clients on various types of financings including private placements, infrastructure financings, senior secured loans and mezzanine loans. Melissa joined Babson in August of 2015. Melissa was an associate in the Debt Finance group of the McGuireWoods LLP in Charlotte, NC prior to starting at Babson. Melissa's practice at McGuireWoods included senior lending, project finance and real estate matters. She received her J.D. from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2009 and her B.A. (with Honors) in History from Davidson College in 2006.

Melissa had the opportunity to attend last fall's ACIC conference and experienced first-hand the benefits of the organization. She is excited to be a member of the ACIC.