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Katherine Bell is a partner in the Finance and Restructuring practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's Orange County office.

Her practice focuses on commercial and corporate finance transactions. Ms. Bell regularly represents commercial banks, investment banks, finance companies, other lenders, and borrowers in working capital facilities (cash flow and asset-based), acquisition financings, structured financings, and other leveraged finance transactions including leveraged buyouts, restructurings, and recapitalizations. Ms. Bell has significant experience negotiating intercreditor relationships, including 1st lien/2nd lien transactions, split collateral arrangements, and unitranche transactions. She has industry experience in a variety of business sectors and has considerable experience in cross-border transactions. Ms. Bell recently co-authored *Asset-Based Lending: A Practical Guide to Secured Financing* (Practising Law Institute, 8th ed. 2015), which is generally considered to be the definitive treatise on asset-based lending.

Accolades and Recognitions

- Chambers USA, Banking and Finance, 2016
- Clients commend her "full understanding of what's on the table" and describe her as "a highly effective and efficient advocate for her clients." Chambers USA 2016
- Chambers USA, "Up and Coming" in 2014 and 2015
- Chambers USA, "Associate to Watch" in 2011, 2012, and 2013
- Chambers USA, "Up and Coming Finance Lawyer of the Year" shortlist in 2012

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- "Strategies for Growth" – Southern California Women's Business Connection (April 2018)
- "Enforceability of Intercreditor Agreements" – American Bankruptcy Institute Webinar (February 2017)
- Co-author of the treatise "Asset-Based Lending – A Practical Guide to Secured

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Practice Areas

Asset Securitization and
Structured Finance
Leveraged Finance
Corporate
Internet of Things
Financial Services
Financial Services Litigation
Alternative Lender and Private
Credit
Life Sciences and Healthcare
Finance

Admissions

California Bar

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D. 2001
University of California, Irvine,
B.A. 1998

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Financing,” Practising Law Institute (8th Ed. 2015)

- "RadioShack - Bankruptcy Court Implicitly Recognizes Enforceability of Agreement Among Lenders But Limits Coverage of First Out Contingent Indemnification Claims" - Paul Hastings Client Alert (May 2015)
- "Comparing Intercreditor Arrangements" -- LSTA Loan Market Chronicle 2015
- "Predictions for Intercreditor Arrangements in 2015 and Beyond – The Devil Really is in the Details” – The Secured Lender (April 2015)
- "LexisPSL Banking Finance Cross-Border Guide (California)” – LexisNexis
- "Women in Commercial Finance: Growing Our Ranks”— The Secured Lender
- Numerous speaking engagements and training programs on a variety of topics, including:
 - Intercreditor Agreements
 - Split Collateral Intercreditor Arrangements
 - Trends in commercial loan documentation
 - Interplay between the Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy law
 - Unitranche facilities
 - Credit Agreements
 - Due Diligence
 - Confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements
- Moderated the “Southern California Women’s Business Connection: Bringing Together Financial Professionals and Entrepreneurs” (March 2017)
- Moderated the “Intercreditor Issues Panel” at the CFA 71st Annual Convention (November 2015)

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member of the Commercial Finance Association Executive Committee
- Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference
- Member of the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Orange County Bar Association
- Chair of the Women in Commercial Finance Committee of the Commercial Finance Association. In this role, Ms. Bell works with committee members to impact the organization’s national visibility, presence in local Chapters, and outreach to member firms with Diversity and Women’s Networking groups. [Click here to learn more about WICF](#)

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- Cornell Law School, J.D., 2001
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News

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July 30, 2019

The Greenbrier Companies Inc. Acquires Manufacturing Business of American Railcar Industries

May 01, 2019

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

November 26, 2018

Barclays Provides Financing in Conjunction with Mattress Firm's Chapter 11 Emergence

October 30, 2018

Barclays Provides \$750 Million Acquisition Financing for MKS Instruments

October 11, 2018

Barclays Provides Financing for Mattress Firm

May 11, 2018

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

December 26, 2017

Barclays Provides Financing for Mattress Firm Credit Facility

June 05, 2017

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2017

March 01, 2017

Paul Hastings Named European Law Firm of the Year by Private Debt Investor

June 08, 2016

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2016

March 01, 2016

Wells Fargo Completes Acquisition of GE's North American Corporate Finance Business

August 28, 2015

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Banks Finance Centerbridge Partners Acquisition of KIK Custom Products

May 20, 2015

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2015

May 27, 2014

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2014

May 27, 2013

Paul Hastings Employment Practice Honored with Chambers "Award for Excellence" and Firms Leading Practices and Lawyers Ranked in Chambers USA 2013

December 12, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents Wells Fargo Bank in Infusystem Financing

July 12, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents Gevo, Inc. in Two Public Offerings worth \$100 Million

June 07, 2012

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2012 Guide

June 10, 2011

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2011 Guide

Insights

September 17, 2019

The Time to Think About Debt Restructuring? Going into a Deal

September 04, 2019

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 2Q19

October 05, 2016

Borrower in Distress? A Toolbox for Secured Lenders

September 21, 2015

Asset-Based Lending: A Practical Guide to Secured Financing

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May 19, 2015

Comparing Intercreditor Arrangements

May 08, 2015

RadioShack – Bankruptcy Court Implicitly Recognizes Enforceability of Agreement Among Lenders But Limits Coverage of First Out Contingent Indemnification Claims

April 30, 2015

Predictions for Intercreditor Arrangements in 2015 and Beyond – The Devil Really is in the Details

July 09, 2013

Women in Commercial Finance Law: Growing Our Ranks

March 28, 2013

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York Holds That a UCC-3 Filing Without Authorization is No Filing At All

Rankings & Awards

April 26, 2019

Recognized by Chambers USA 2019

May 15, 2018

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

June 05, 2017

Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

June 08, 2016

Recognized by Chambers USA 2016

May 06, 2014

United Way's Emerging Tocqueville Leaders

December 19, 2011

Recognized by the Chambers USA Women in Law Awards