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

Ms. Bell focuses her practice on commercial and corporate finance transactions. She regularly represents banks, investment banks, finance companies, private debt lenders, other lenders, and borrowers in working capital facilities (cash flow and asset-based), acquisition financings, structured financings, and restructurings and recapitalizations—both cross-border and U.S. focused. She has industry experience in a variety of business sectors including technology and software, healthcare, transportation and logistics, energy, retail, food and beverage, and manufacturing and industrials.

Ms. Bell has significant experience negotiating intercreditor relationships, including 1st lien/2nd lien transactions, split collateral arrangements, and unitranche transactions. She represents clients in all parts of the capital structure—senior, junior, first lien, second lien, first out, last out, super-senior, and preferred equity.

Ms. Bell is the co-author of *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, 2017, 2018, and 2019
- 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

Orange County

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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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- 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)
- “The Convergence Between Large Cap and Middle Markets” – Debtwire Middle Market Private Credit Forum in Los Angeles (July 2017)
- “Enforceability of Intercreditor Agreements” – American Bankruptcy Institute Webinar (February 2017)
- Co-author of the treatise “Asset-Based Lending – A Practical Guide to Secured 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)
- “Evaluating Key Intercreditor Arrangements: First Lien/Second Lien, Split Collateral, Senior/Mezzanine, and Unitranche Structures” – Strafford webinar
- “Intercreditor Arrangements – Reading Between the Liens” – LSTA webinar (Jan 2015)
- “LexisPSL Banking Finance Cross-Border Guide (California)” – LexisNexis
- “Women in Commercial Finance: Growing Our Ranks” – The Secured Lender
- Regular speaking engagements and training programs for clients on a variety of topics, including:
 - Restructurings
 - Debtor-in-Possession Financing
 - Structuring a Deal

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- 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
- “Southern California Women’s Business Connection: Bringing Together Financial Professionals and Entrepreneurs” (March 2017)
- “Intercreditor Issues Panel” at the CFA 71st Annual Convention (November 2015)

Professional and Community Involvement

- Fellow, American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers
- Director of the Secured Finance Network (formerly the Commercial Finance Association)
- Vice President of Board, Inclusion Matters by Shane’s Inspiration – Inclusive Playgrounds and Programs for Children
- Member of the State Bar of California and the Orange County Bar Association
- Member and former President, Financial Lawyers Conference
- Former Chair of the Women in Commercial Finance Committee of the Secured Finance Network (formerly the Commercial Finance Association)

Education

- J.D., from Cornell Law School in 2001
- B.A., from University of California at Irvine in 1998

News

October 27, 2020

Teleperformance Announces Acquisition of West Health Advocate Solutions from Intrado Corporation

August 10, 2020

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Secura Bio to Acquire Global Rights to Oncology Drug Copiktra®

May 01, 2020

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2020

April 07, 2020

Binance Acquires CoinMarketCap

November 25, 2019

Bumble Bee Receives \$200 Million Credit Facility from Wells Fargo

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

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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

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

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June 07, 2012

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2012 Guide

June 10, 2011

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2011 Guide

Insights

August 06, 2020

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets-
2Q20

July 20, 2020

Federal Reserve Expands Main Street Lending Program to Nonprofit
Organizations and Updates FAQs

June 11, 2020

Federal Reserve Board Revises and Prepares to Open the Main
Street Lending Program

May 01, 2020

COVID-19: Federal Reserve Board Announces It Is Expanding the
Scope and Eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program

April 09, 2020

Overview of the Credit Facilities Implemented by the Federal
Reserve to Provide up to \$2.3 Trillion Relying upon its Emergency
Lending Powers

February 13, 2020

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets-
4Q19

September 17, 2019

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

July 30, 2019

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Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets -
1Q19

October 05, 2016

Borrower in Distress? A Toolbox for Secured Lenders

September 21, 2015

Asset-Based Lending: A Practical Guide to Secured Financing

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

May 01, 2020

Recognized by Chambers USA 2020

April 26, 2019

Ranked by Chambers USA 2019

May 15, 2018

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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