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Mike Wazlawek combines a pragmatic perspective with skilled legal analysis to provide clients with sound legal options. He counsels local, regional and national financial institutions regarding the legal challenges and opportunities presented by the financial services industry. Mike focuses his practice primarily on representing borrowers and lenders in the documentation and negotiation of a wide range of financing transactions. He handles construction financing, commercial real estate transactions, conventional asset-based loans, and commercial and industrial loans.

Mike also advises clients in connection with complex syndicated finance matters, both real estate and asset-based. Mike also advises his lending clients on tax credit and other public incentive based financing, including new market, low-income housing and state and federal tax credit projects. Mike takes a proactive approach to all transactions in which he is involved, working diligently to keep them moving forward in an efficient and timely manner.

Education

- DePaul University College of Law (J.D., 1998)
- DePaul University (MBA, 1998)
 - Collegio Mayor San Paulo - Madrid, Spain (1996)
- Westminster College (B.A., 1993)
 - London School of Economics (1991)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1999

Memberships

- The Missouri Bar

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for:

Capabilities

- Commercial Lending
- Finance
- Health Care Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Tax Credit Finance

- Commercial Finance Law, 2026
- Banking and Finance Law, 2025-2026

Matters

- Lead counsel for administrative agent in the financing of Phase I and Phase II of "Ballpark Village" in St. Louis, Missouri. Project involved debt financing, project equity, tax increment financing, new market tax credits and bond financing.

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Represented international financial institution, in its capacity as administrative agent, in connection with a \$111,000,000 syndicated construction loan involving 8 syndicate lenders. Project included both construction and bridge financing for the development of a mixed-use entertainment and office complex, along with federal and state tax credits, tax increment financing, mezzanine financing from third party private equity providers and opportunity zone funds.

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Lead counsel for administrative agent in connection with the refinancing of a real estate portfolio of seventeen industrial properties located across eight states.

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Representation of multi-national bank in its capacity as administrative agent in connection with a \$130,000,000 revolving credit facility secured by real and personal property owned by thirteen co-borrowers. Real property collateral located across four states.

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Represented multiple lenders in connection with the construction financing of student housing projects located on college campuses across the country. An aggregate of over \$250 million in transactions.

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Represented multiple lenders in connection with the construction financing of assisted living facilities across the country. An aggregate of over \$400 million in transactions.

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Represented client in connection with a multi-million dollar guidance line of credit facility which financed the working capital needs of a national fitness facility operator. Financing was secured by assets located in multiple states.

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Counsel for lender in a multi-national syndicated credit facility extended to a global construction company.

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Representation of administrative agents nationally in connection with construction real estate financing projects aggregating over \$500 million.