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Leah Petersen is a member of the firm's commercial finance team. She assists clients in a broad spectrum of financing transactions, ranging from widely syndicated to single-lender and club deals. Her clients include financial institutions, private equity groups, venture capital funds, and corporate borrowers. Leah has extensive experience with acquisition financings, asset-based lending, and mezzanine/second lien structures. She also regularly represents clients in cross-border transactions. Leah handles all aspects of credit facilities involving bridge loans, note purchase investments, work-outs, and recapitalizations. In addition to her finance work, Leah also advises clients on general operational, fund formation, and corporate governance issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Leah was a managing associate in the Atlanta, Georgia office of an international law firm where she represented companies, private equity groups, and other financial institutions in a variety of corporate finance transactions.

Prior to attending law school, Leah served as a Project Coordinator for Spirit of the Sun, an AmeriCorps Service to America (VISTA) program, that addresses three AmeriCorps' focus areas — environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and healthy futures — and serves both Native and Indigenous youth and elders, while encouraging inter-generational collaboration.

Leah was recognized in 2021 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law and again in 2022 and 2023 for Banking and Finance Law,



Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. She was recognized as a Georgia “Rising Star” in 2023 for Securities and Corporate Finance by *Super Lawyer* magazine.

Experience

*Represented Canadian chartered bank in multiple cross-border financing transactions in media, manufacturing, SaaS, and healthcare technology industries.

*Counsel to lender in an asset-based revolving credit facility to a trucking company, in which a fleet of over 600 vehicles served as lender's primary collateral.

*Represented bank as lead arranger and administrative agent in providing asset-based credit facility for pharmacy retailer.

*Represented private lender providing secured working capital line of credit to a group of skilled nursing home facilities.

*Counsel to private borrower in credit facility involving senior debt facility, mezzanine financing, and subordinated financing provided by private lenders.

*Represented senior lender providing revolving line of credit and term loan facility to seller of heavy equipment, construction equipment, and agricultural equipment.

*Represented a multi-media and technology company that produces content principally for the hunting, fishing, and outdoor markets in the acquisition of a technical hunting apparel company.

*Represented two private equity funds in connection with a variety of mezzanine and growth equity investments in several companies.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend

Education

Georgia State University, College of Law J.D. (2014) *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

George Washington University B.A. (2010) Political Science, Public Policy Focus

Admissions

Georgia (2014)

Professional & Community Activities



Secured Finance Network, Member

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Georgia Bar Association, Member

Insights

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56 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
August 18, 2022

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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives Top-Tier Recognition in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America
August 19, 2021

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Private Equity Team Has Banner First Quarter in 2021
April 19, 2021

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Leading Finance Partner Shannon Baxter Joins Kilpatrick Townsend
September 1, 2020

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Top-Tier Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in Inaugural 2021 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
August 20, 2020