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Practice Areas

Finance & Restructuring
Private Equity
Mergers & Acquisitions

Education

Harvard Law School
JD (2014) *cum laude*

University of Maryland
BA (2009) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Massachusetts

Shaina Wamsley London, Co-Chair of Choate's Finance and Restructuring Group, advises banks and other financial institutions that provide companies with, and also corporate borrowers that are seeking access to, liquidity for working capital needs, consummating acquisitions, refinancing existing debt, making dividends to equity holders, and restructuring their balance sheets. She counsels clients on how to structure complicated financings and debt & equity restructurings, including for first lien and second lien financings, unitranche financings, first-in, last-out financings, and unsecured financings.

Shaina is frequently relied on by clients to advise them on "what's market" and is lauded for approaching matters with a problem-solving and collaborative mindset. She has depth and experience across a variety of business sectors and has represented clients providing loans to sports teams and leagues, retail and hospitality companies, companies constructing and managing entertainment venues and other infrastructure projects, healthcare companies, software and technology companies, and electronics companies.

Shaina's clients include Bank of America, Callodine Commercial Finance, Citibank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Pathlight Capital, PNC Bank, SLR Credit Solutions, Truist Bank, U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo.

Representative Engagements

- Private credit lender in a cash flow acquisition financing to a manufacturer of food & beverage products for quick-service restaurants.
- Citizens Bank, N.A., as agent for a syndicate of lenders, in a \$550 million senior secured cash flow financing to Steve Madden, a leading retailer of footwear and accessories.
- Second Avenue Capital Partners in \$112 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility and Term Loan to Backcountry, a specialty retailer of outdoor gear and apparel.
- Bank of America, as agent, for two DIP financing arrangements provided to Rite Aid Corporation in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Kayne Anderson, as agent, providing financing for the acquisition of an arcade game distributor and operator.
- Truist Bank, as agent, in connection with numerous delayed draw term loan facilities financing the construction and renovation of various arenas and stadiums across the country, including Climate Pledge Arena, UBS Arena, Acrisure Arena, EverBank Stadium, and Moody Center.

- Citibank, as agent for a syndicate of banks and a syndicate of insurance companies, in connection with the “league-wide” credit facilities established by an NHL special purpose vehicle for National Hockey League clubs.
- PNC Bank, as agent, providing a revolving credit facility to CarGurus, Inc.
- Callodine Commercial Finance, as agent, financing a second lien, asset-based term loan facility to a proclaimed winery.
- Truist Bank, as agent, in connection with a term loan facility to a “Power 4” college athletic conference.
- Preeminent retail company obtaining an asset-based revolving credit facility from a national bank.
- JPMorgan, as agent, in connection with a senior secured loan used for the acquisition of a Major League Soccer team.
- Bank of America, as agent, in connection with a multi-currency loan facility to a leading environmental services company.
- U.S. Bank, as agent, in providing a financing to a Major League Baseball team for working capital needs.
- JPMorgan, as agent, in connection with a revolving credit facility for the holding company of a National Football League team.
- A syndicate of lenders providing a second-in, second-out term loan facility to a multinational consumer products company.
- Bank of America, as agent, in providing a revolving credit facility to a National Hockey League team.
- Various non-profit organizations applying for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and in other non-profit governance matters.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors of Family Independence, Inc., a non-profit that provides group home living and other support services to teen mothers and their children
- Provides regular pro bono legal advice to charitable organizations
- Member of the Boston Bar Association
- Member of the Turnaround Management Association

Recognition

- *SFNet* “40 Under 40” Award 2022