



Daniel A. Peterson

PARTNER

Dan focuses on cost-effective and innovative solutions to his clients' legal challenges. His primary goal is to provide value on a timely basis.

He deals with matters that involve registered open and closed-end funds, unregistered investment vehicles, their sponsors and advisers. He assists investment advisers and broker-dealers with structuring, registering and ongoing regulatory matters, including enforcement. Dan counsels public company clients concerning reporting and compliance obligations under the Securities Exchange Act, the Investment Company Act and as required by securities exchanges. He also dedicates a significant part of his practice to advising mergers and acquisitions and capital-raising participants on a variety of securities issues.

Dan regularly assists start-ups and publicly held companies in raising capital through public and private offerings. Representing businesses in a wide variety of corporate transactions, Dan is experienced in mergers and acquisitions, business formation and structuring, and general corporate matters.

Dan joined the firm as Associate in 2000 and was named Partner in 2008. He became chair of the firm's Investment Management Group in 2010.

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Practices

Investment Management
Securities & Corporate Governance
Securities Litigation

Representative Experience

Investment Management

- Structured and prepared offering documents for numerous private funds and funds of funds with varying strategies
- Represented a publicly held financial services provider in the divestiture of multiple registered subsidiaries
- Worked with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to structure and register a special purpose broker-dealer
- Represented a large investment adviser to open-end funds in its sale and restructuring
- Represented several closed-end funds in follow-on offerings
- Represented an open-end fund in its sale to another registered fund complex
- Represented an investment adviser to a fund complex in its multistage restructuring
- Assisted numerous advisory and brokerage firms with structuring and registration
- Assisted an issuer in its initial public offering to avoid the status of an inadvertent investment company
- Represented numerous advisers and funds with state and SEC examinations and inquiries

General Corporate & Securities

- Represented several energy companies with ongoing Exchange Act reporting and capital raising
- Represented a family business in its acquisition of a construction service provider

- Assisted a large textile manufacturer with multiple properties, including offshore, with a significant acquisition and subsequent sale of the entire business
- Assisted an energy company in multiple rounds of capital raising
- Assisted an entertainment company in multiple rounds of capital raising and exploration of a potential sale of the business

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, State Regulation of Securities Committee
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- The Missouri Bar, Business Law Committee

Civic Involvement

- Coro Kansas City Alumni Group
- Downtown St. Louis Rotary Club

Admissions

- Missouri, 2000

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 2000
National Moot Court Team
Urban Lawyer, Staff
- M.A., University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2000
- B.A., University of Missouri-Kansas City, with distinction, 1996

Publications & Presentations

- Author, "Changes Imposed on Missouri Asset Managers by Dodd-Frank," *St. Louis Bar Journal*, March 2011
- Author, "Implementing Dodd-Frank: SEC Proposes Rules for "the Switch"," White Paper, January 2011
- Author, "General Corporate Actions and Operations" chapter, Missouri Corporate Organization and Operation, *MoBar*, 2005
- Co-author, chapter on Kansas provisions, *State-by-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases*, Aspen Publishers, 2004
- Author, "Addressing the Underwater Option Problem," *The Nebraska Lawyer*, February 2002
- Author, "The Missouri Close Corporation Statutes: Are They the Business Vehicle They Were Intended to Be?" *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, December 2001
- Co-author, "The Missouri Securities Act of 2003: What is New and Different in Definitions, Exemptions and Enforcement," *St. Louis Bar Journal*