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Jason Kuwayama is a shareholder in the Banking and Financial Institutions Practice Group in the Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.'s Milwaukee office. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, asset purchases and sales, corporate governance, and bank regulatory and general securities matters.

Jason has significant experience with debt-side transactions, having represented financial institutions and private equity firms in the purchase and sale of commercial and residential asset portfolios in both performing and non-performing markets. He has served as lead counsel for approximately \$15 billion of structured portfolio offerings and asset purchases, including residential and commercial real estate loans, syndicated credit facilities, C&I loans, automobile loans, and other lines of credit. In performing markets, he also helps financial institutions develop correspondent programs for the purchase and securitization of loan portfolios.

In addition to his debt-side work, Jason represents a variety of corporations (including financial institutions, developers, manufacturers and startups) with equity, corporate governance and strategic acquisitions. His work includes representing corporations seeking investments at various stages of their respective growth cycles as well as representing private equity investors in capital deployment.

Jason graduated with honors from Northwestern University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in communication with a concentration in argumentation and advocacy. Jason earned his law degree from Marquette University Law School, where he was a teaching assistant for the Legal Writing and Research program and was a member of the school's Moot Court Executive Board.

Jason is a past board member of the Independent Business Association of Wisconsin and currently serves on the boards of HEAR WI; the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre; the Wisconsin Forum, Inc.; and the Wisconsin State Bar Business Law Section. He also is a proud member of the Finance Committee at Brookfield Academy, where he attended K-12.

Although Jason sincerely regrets not enrolling in Dean Kearney's Supreme Court class, he confidently credits the other professors and staff of Marquette for providing him with a strong legal education that has helped him throughout his career. He was named an Up & Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal in 2010 and has been recognized as a Wisconsin Rising Star every year since 2011.