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Practice: I have an business undergraduate degree- and worked in business for 10 years before attending law school. I have been a lawyer since 1991; I spent my first 7 years in practice as a litigator, sorting out bad deals and representing clients in the federal, state and bankruptcy courts. These experiences influence my approach to our clients' deals and problems: I am a member of each client's business team; my job is to craft the deal or the workout in a way which minimizes disputes, while I remain cognizant of the business forces influencing the client's decisions and help attain a sound business result. At the same time, I appreciate the need for a careful, meticulous eye for the intricacies of the law, and I devour each line in a contract or lease as if I were reading a mystery story looking for clues.

Practice Style: I enjoy working on complex, real estate and personal property transactions, financings, leasing and workouts. I draw on my business background to assist our clients with all phases of their projects: due diligence, acquisition, financing, leasing, sale and troubled properties matters. My clients include both buyers and sellers, lenders and borrowers, developers and contractors, landlords and tenants, creditors and debtors.

Professional Interests: I enjoy working with professional legal organizations, such as the American Bar Association, to improve the ethical and professional development of lawyers and create opportunities for lawyers to give back to the community. I served on the ABA's Board of Governors from 2007-2010, where I chaired its Investments Subcommittee (and continue serving on the subcommittee), and now chair the ABA Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight. I am also on the Board of Editors for both the ABA Journal and the ABA GP Solo Magazine, and past Editor-in-Chief of the ABA's Magazine Business Law Today. I am the past chair of ABA Business Law Section's Commercial Financial Services Real Estate Financing Subcommittee.

In August, 2011 the ABA President recognized me for my work with pro bono projects by presenting me with the ABA Presidential Pro Bono Publico Citation. In April, 2013 the ABA Business Law Section presented me with the 2013 Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, which recognized me as the 2013 woman business lawyer of the year.

I am the immediate past National Chair of the American Bar Foundation Fellows and a special advisor to the Foundation's Board of Directors (serving on its research, finance and investments committees). I am a fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and former regent, a member of the American Law Institute and the co-editor of Real Estate Closing Deskbook (3d ed), (2012). Finally, in 2013 the Governor of Kentucky commissioned me as a 'Kentucky Colonel.'



Background:

- Real Property Law Group, PLLC 2001-present
- Tousley Brain Stephens, PLLC (Seattle)1998-2001, Commercial Real Estate Department
- Graham & James/Riddell Williams (Seattle)1991 to 1998, Commerical Bankruptcy, Real Estate and Litigation Departments
- J.D., with honors, University of Washington, 1991 (Moot Court Honor Board; Order of the Barristers)
- B.S., Business Management & Industrial Relations, 1988, summa cum laude, Seton Hall University

Kathleen Hopkins is licensed to practice in the State of Washington