

Dentons' Structured Finance Group Selected by Law360 as "Practice Group of the Year"

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Thanks to our clients, our Structured Finance group, also known as our US Capital Markets group, has been recognized with Law360's prestigious "Practice Group of the Year" award.

We are proud of our A-list roster of clients who have entrusted the practice with their most sophisticated, complex and first-of-a-kind transactions for over 30 years. It is the trust and confidence our clients have placed in us that allowed us to secure this recognition. It is our pleasure to share a few excerpts from the Law360 practice group profile published on February 22:

"Global powerhouse Dentons spearheaded many first-of-their-kind deals over the past year...earning the firm a spot among Law360's Structured Finance Groups of the Year...Working together, [practice group leaders Steve] Kudenholdt and [Erik] Klingenberg have been at the forefront of the securitization market, configuring many new types of deals throughout 2021."

...In addition to focusing on the securitizations themselves, Klingenberg said that the practice regularly works with companies from their foundation, throughout the asset-building process, and up to helping them structure the securitization, making the firm an appealing adviser for companies all throughout the process. 'I think one thing that sets us apart is really this soup-to-nuts life cycle practice that really covers all aspects of companies that are involved in structured finance securitizations from their formation through securitizations as they grow,' said Klingenberg."

Another way the group works to stay ahead of its rivals is by focusing on new regulatory developments affecting the industry and positioning themselves as thought leaders and experts by engaging with regulatory proposals..., said Kudenholdt."

In discussing the group's success, Kudenholdt and Klingenberg emphasized the importance of Dentons' culture and team bonds, noting that many of the group's attorneys have been with the firm for their entire careers. 'Everyone in the group really views themselves as a part of the team and having their own unique contributions, but very much as

part of something that is bigger and better than they could ever be on their own and really appreciate that opportunity,' said Kudenholdt. During the pandemic when work went remote, Klingenberg said the group made an effort to maintain its 'family culture' by holding outdoor events during the summer, including a backyard barbeque at his house with vaccinated workers."

Klingenberg told Law360 that the practice group is going into 2022 'full throttle,' with a slew of deals already lined up from the end of 2021. 'What I expect to see more and more of is this fintech space, the growth of various types of products that are based on financial technology, internet access that are aimed at consumers and businesses, those products growing and developing and leaving towards securitization,' he said."

Our clients have made us the leader in the financing and securitization of financial assets of all types. They propel us forward and make us the best lawyers we can be and we thank them for allowing us to support their growth.

This award is given to law firm practices that have helped clients successfully navigate significant, large and complex matters. Winners are selected based on law firm submissions as well as independent research conducted by Law360.

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