

## Zack S. Christensen

### Associate

Zack is a member of the firm's financial institutions group and focuses his practice on capital raising transactions, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation and general corporate counseling. He also represents sponsors of private investment funds in fund formations and governance as well as investment activities. Since the onset of the financial crisis in late 2007, he has spent a majority of his time representing bank holding companies and investment banks in public and private securities offerings, other capital raising and balance sheet restructuring transactions and a wide range of related governance matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Zack was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP, where he worked on securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions involving both large publicly traded companies and closely held companies, and the formation of several hedge funds and private equity funds. He also worked on a variety of tax planning projects.

Zack is a registered Certified Public Accountant and, prior to attending law school, served a one-year fellowship at the Financial Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk, Connecticut, and worked as an assurance and advisory associate at a Big Four accounting firm.

### Representative Matters

- Capital Raising Transactions  
Represented many financial institutions with respect to private placements of common stock, subordinated debentures and convertible subordinated debentures
- Private Investment Funds  
Represented multiple sponsors in their formation of and capital raising for private investment funds, investment advisory, regulatory and corporate matters for such funds, including, hedge funds, managed futures funds, commodity pools and private equity funds



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### Practices

- Financial Institutions

### Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S., Accountancy, *Highest Honors*, 2000

### Bar & Court Admissions

- State of Illinois

- Securities Regulation and Compliance for Publicly-Traded Bank Holding Companies  
Represent multiple publicly-traded bank holding companies
- Subchapter S Conversion  
Represented multiple bank holding companies in their restructuring to enable them to elect to be taxed under Subchapter S
- Treasury's Capital Purchase Program  
Represented a number of financial institutions with respect to their application and receipt of funds under Treasury's Capital Purchase Program

### Articles and Publications

- The Fair Funds for Investors Provision of Sarbanes-Oxley: Is it Unfair to the Creditors of a Bankrupt Debtor? 2005 U. Ill. L. Rev. 339

### Events and Speaking Engagements

- "Legal Issues with Raising Capital," The Community Banking Advisory Network Summer Conference, 2010
- "Issuing Subordinated Debentures," Angkor Capital Advisors Bankers Roundtable, 2009
- "Executive Update for Officers and Directors," Community Bankers Association of Illinois Annual Convention, 2008
- "A Fresh Look at Your Corporate Minutes," Iowa Independent Bankers Annual Convention, 2007

### Professional Activities and Honors

- Bronze Tablet (top 2 percent of all University graduates), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2000
- Illinois CPA Society Excel Award for scoring in the top 10 in the State of Illinois and the top 120 in the United States on the May 2000 Uniform CPA Examination