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Tara Hoffner is one of the leading Delaware attorneys in the area of Delaware statutory trusts and common law trusts and the representation of trustees, banks, and trust companies in asset-backed securities transactions and structured finance transactions. She regularly represents trustees and banking institutions in connection with their trust services, including in securitizations, debt issuances, equipment and project finance transactions, leveraged lease transactions, trust preferred transactions, liquidating trusts, mutual funds, litigation trusts, and collateral agency, escrow, custody, paying agent, and registrar roles.

A director in the Corporate Trust and Agency Services Group of the firm's Business Department, Tara serves as special Delaware counsel in Delaware statutory trust and common law trust transactions of all types, which includes a broad opinion practice covering statutory trusts, series trusts, federal and state banking institutions, trustees, common law trusts, and other matters of Delaware law. Her experience in trust and trustee representation spans virtually all asset classes and transaction structures, and she has represented trustees and served as Delaware trust counsel in some of the world's most complex and significant Delaware trust transactions.

Experience

- Securitization and asset-backed securities transactions, including auto receivables, consumer loans, student loans, credit card receivables, home loans, intellectual property licensing fees, and royalties
- Leverage lease and structured finance transactions, including equipment and project finance transactions
- Titling trust and series trust transactions
- Aircraft transactions and noncitizen trusts
- Liquidating trusts, including bankruptcy liquidations and entity wind-downs
- Insurance trusts
- Litigation trusts

- Voting trusts
- Covered bond issuances
- Escrow, custody, and collateral agency transactions
- Defeasance transactions

Publications

- “Role of the Trustee,” *Equipment Leasing-Leveraged Leasing*, Practising Law Institute

Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
- *Best Lawyers’ Wilmington, DE Securitization & Structured Finance Lawyer of the Year*, 2016

Education

- J.D., Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University, Woolsack Honor Society, 1996
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Muhlenberg College, 1993

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware, 1996

Practices

- Corporate Trust and Agency Services