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Practice Areas

Banking & Financial Institutions

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Technology & Digital Business

Trust Company Industry Group

Admissions

Iowa

Missouri

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law

Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, with distinction



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Peter Wilder is a shareholder with the Banking and Financial Institutions Practice Group and the leader of its Family-Owned and Closely-Held Banks specialty team. His clients include banks, trust companies, finance companies, family and other closely-held ownership groups, and senior executives. Peter provides a wide range of corporate and regulatory advice on topics such as mergers and acquisitions, succession planning, shareholder agreements, revenue enhancement strategies, securities offerings, vendor contracts and consumer finance laws. He has negotiated dozens of complex core processing contracts for financial institutions ranging in size from small rural community banks to multi-billion and multi-charter bank holding companies. He has also provided legislative support to banking and mortgage banking trade associations.

Peter got his start in banking as a law clerk for the general counsel of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions. He is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. There he spent two years conducting in depth financial and operational analyses of a publicly traded bank holding company. He has since returned as a faculty member to teach Law & Regulation classes to second year students.

Peter especially enjoys working with boards of directors, executive management teams and family ownership groups on strategic matters, and is a regular speaker at trade association meetings and executive peer group gatherings. As a service to the banking industry, Peter regularly shares ideas regarding current issues as part of the firm's Bank Strategy Briefing series.

Activities

Faculty - Graduate School of Banking at UW-Madison

Former Board of Directors and Legislative Committee, Wisconsin Mortgage Bankers Association

Honors

Named an Up & Coming Lawyer by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* (2012) Recognized as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2014 - 2019) Recognized by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* as a *Leader in the Law* (2023)