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### Expertise

Mr. Koon served as the head of the firm's Financial Practice Group for 15 years. His financial institution clients have included commercial banks and other financial institutions located throughout the United States and in several foreign countries, as well as those located in Colorado. Other clients have included various commercial business entities and professional sports franchises in financing transactions and other commercial transactions, and providers of software and computer-generated forms for financial institutions. Mr. Koon's work for financial institutions has included chartering (seeking and opposing), all facets of bank regulatory and consumer law compliance, commercial loans, loan workouts and restructuring, multi-bank participations and syndications, system-wide forms review and standardization, implementation and operation of ATM networks, and new product development.

Currently most of his time is devoted to large commercial loan transactions. Most of these are syndicated loans and he acts as counsel to the lead bank and the lender group. Recent commercial loan transactions where Mr. Koon represented the lender or the agent for the lender group include: a \$1,300,000,000 syndicated unsecured loan with 364-Day facility and 5-Year facility to a cooperative association, including bid rate and overnight facilities and committed and negotiated letter of credit facilities; a \$1,100,000,000 syndicated secured loan to finance chicken processing operations and acquisitions of like facilities; a \$130,000,000 syndicated loan to fruit processor with 364-Day facility and 3-year facility; a \$75,000,000 secured loan to finance custom livestock feeding operations; a \$240,000,000 loan to cooperative to finance a cooperative's finance program with its members and non-members; a \$200,000,000 stock acquisition loan, and a \$135,000,000 loan to finance construction of an ethanol plant. Mr. Koon also represents borrowers in commercial loan

transactions. In addition, Mr. Koon has handled many transactions involving the sale, on a servicing retained basis, of a partial interest in large real estate loans.

## Publications and Speaking Engagements

In the past Mr. Koon has published articles relating to consumer and commercial banking. In addition, he has spoken at programs sponsored by such entities as the American Bankers Association, the Colorado Bankers Association, the American Institute of Banking, the Bank Administration Institute, the Independent Bankers of Colorado, the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, United States Savings and Loan League, Professional Education Systems, Inc., the National Center for Continuing Legal Education, the Women's Bar Association, and an association of farm credit association attorneys in fields relating to banking, regulatory issues, bank director responsibility and liability, consumer lending, and commercial law.

## Professional Activities

Member, Denver, Colorado, and American Bar Associations

Past Chairman, Financial Institutions Subsection, Colorado Bar Association

Mr. Koon has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for more than 10 consecutive years, and recently in *The Best Attorneys Network*.

Mr. Koon teaches a Secured Transactions course at the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver.

## Education

University of Denver (J.D., 1966)

Editor-in-Chief, Law Review

Order of St. Ives

Colorado State University (B.S., 1962)

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