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Doneene Damon is the executive vice president of Richards Layton, co-chair of the firm's Business Department, and chair of the Corporate Trust and Agency Services Group. She focuses her practice primarily on formation and operational issues relating to Delaware statutory and common law trusts in all types of commercial and business transactions, representing issuers, underwriters, investors, and trustees. Doneene also represents banks and trust companies in connection with their trust and agency services under Delaware and New York law in various commercial transactions, including their roles as trustee, collateral agent, custodian, master servicer, depository agent, and exchange agent.

Doneene's varied corporate trust transactional practice includes asset-backed securities, including auto loans and leases, credit cards, student loans, residential mortgages, home equity loans, equipment leases, litigation settlements, insurance policies, and intellectual property; royalty trusts; liquidation trusts; and voting trusts. Doneene is also experienced in capital securities and hybrid capital securities; mutual funds, exchange traded funds, and private equity funds; and collateralized loan obligations, cross-border leasing transactions, project finance transactions, and defeasance transactions.

In addition, Doneene represents health-care clients in all types of commercial and transactional matters, including the purchase and servicing of health-care receivables and the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. She also provides advice regarding the Delaware Certificate of Adoption of Transparency and Sustainability Standards, which is awarded to businesses that have completed a process that establishes their commitment to sustainability.

Chambers reports that Doneene is "terrific ... very smart and has an enormous amount of experience" (*Chambers USA*, 2018). She was recently featured in an article in [Super Lawyers](#) and was honored as one of *Savoy* magazine's 2018 [Most Influential Black Lawyers](#).

Experience

- Asset-backed securities, including auto loans and leases, credit cards, student loans, residential mortgages, home equity loans, equipment leases, litigation settlements, insurance policies and intellectual property
- Capital securities
- Hybrid capital securities
- Collateralized loan obligations
- Cross-border leasing transactions
- Mutual funds and exchange traded funds
- Health care receivables
- Liquidation trusts
- Voting trusts
- Independent director and independent manager
- Private equity funds
- Defeasance transactions

Publications

- "The Alphabet Soup of the Federal Crisis Programs," *Bloomberg Law Reports*, July 2009
- "The Role of the Trustee," Practising Law Institute

Awards

- American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers Fellow
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- *Chambers USA*
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Super Lawyers*
- National Association of Professional Women, VIP Woman of the Year Circle, 2015-2016
- Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, American Bar Association, 2015
- National Diversity Council, Leadership Excellence in the Law Award, 2014
- Pennsylvania Diversity Council, Leadership in Law, 2014
- Temple University Beasley School of Law, Gallery of Success, 2014
- The International Women's Review Board for Excellence in Law
- YWCA Trailblazer Award

Leadership

In addition to her role as the firm's executive vice president, Doneene holds leadership positions in many organizations, including:

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
 - *The Business Lawyer*, Editorial Board
 - Committee on Trust Indentures and Indenture Trustees, Former Chair
 - Committee on Corporate Director Diversity, Former Co-Chair
 - Banking Law Committee
 - Diversity Committee, Lawyers of Color Subcommittee, Chair
 - Section Sponsorship Task Force, Chair
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Committee, Vice Chair and Director for Diversity
 - UCC Committee
 - Committee on Partnerships and Unincorporated Business Organizations, Membership and Diversity Co-Chair
- Structured Finance Industry Group
 - Trustee Subforum
 - Outside Counsel Subforum
 - Women in Securitization, Mentor Subcommittee, Co-Chair
- American Law Institute
- Carpenter-Walsh Delaware Pro Bono Inn of Court
- Christiana Care Health System, Inc. and Health Services, Inc., Chair of the Board of Directors
- Delaware Prosperity Partnership, Board Member
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Board of Trustees

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Temple University School of Law, 1992
- B.S., Accounting, *cum laude*, St. Joseph's University, 1989

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware, 1992
- District of Columbia, 1994
- New York, 2012

Practices

- Corporate Trust and Agency Services
- Sustainability