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Services

Corporate and Transactions
Financial Services

Industries

Financial Institutions

Education

University of Michigan Law School,
J.D. 1976

University of Michigan, M.P.P.

University of Michigan, B.A. 1970

Bar Admissions

Michigan



Thomas W. Linn

Chairman Emeritus

Thom Linn is currently Of Counsel and Chairman Emeritus to the firm following nearly eight years as the chief executive officer, and 20 years as a managing director.

In those positions, Thom used his substantial administrative experience in directing all aspects of the firm's professional and business operations.

Thom is deeply involved in civic and philanthropic activities in the Detroit region, serving on the boards of numerous business, community, and charitable organizations to advance the greater interests of the state and region. He has recently concentrated on encouraging pro bono legal services within the firm and the legal community at large, and working with the Michigan State Bar Foundation and Lakeshore Legal Aid (serving as Chair of the Board) on increasing resources available to Michigan legal service providers. Thom is a well-known and widely respected member of the firm and the Detroit regional community.

Legal Practice

Thom has been a commercial and public finance lawyer for more than 40 years. He has participated in the documentation and issuance of billions of dollars of securities and loans, represented issuers, lenders, borrowers and underwriters. His clients have included municipal issuers, commercial and industrial borrowers, financial institutions, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. He has actively participated in the development and direction of significant legislation in Michigan, including legislation related to financing and taxation.

Thomas W. Linn

Honors

Best Lawyers in America, Banking and Finance Law, 2003–present

State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2020–2025

Leading Lawyers, Corporate Finance Law; Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying & Administrative Law; Public Finance Law, 2014–present

Legal Services Corporation, Pro Bono Award, 2025

Professional Activities

American Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan, Public Law Section; Public Finance Committee

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Community Chorus of Detroit, Board of Directors, Member and Treasurer, 2010–present

Community Legal Resources, Board of Directors, 2008–2019; Finance Committee, 2007–2008; Operations Committee, 2008–2019

Detroit Regional Chamber, Board of Directors, 2003–2008; Detroit Regional Chamber Foundation, 2009–2023; Graduate, Leadership Detroit VII

Detroit Waldorf School, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2016–present

Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC), Board Chair, April 2007–2009; Secretary, 2003–2007; Executive Committee; Nomination Committee; Active in the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative and co-chair of Shining Light Awards, 2006–present

Lakeshore Legal Aid, Board of Directors, Chair 2016–present

Michigan State Bar Foundation, statewide fundraising committee 2016–present; 2018 Founder's Award for substantial contribution to Access to Justice in Michigan