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Sara McNamara is an attorney in Reinhart’s Banking and Finance, Litigation, Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy practices, where she utilizes her diverse skills in commercial lending and insolvency transactions to bring a holistic perspective to client issues.

Sara is practical and efficient in providing legal counsel in relation to corporate governance, capital formation, mergers and acquisitions, asset sales and purchases and finance transactions for both public and private companies, including acquisition financings, asset-based financings and mezzanine financings. She also represents clients in bankruptcy proceedings, workouts, restructurings, receiverships and other troubled debt transactions, including the sale and purchase of distressed businesses.

The breadth of her experience coupled with her finance degree make her especially adept at anticipating issues and drafting documents that protect clients’ interests in the short and long term. She strives to deliver best quality service balanced with practical solutions – even when they may require a non-traditional approach.

Sara is also a member of Reinhart’s Cannabis Law Group, where she helps clients navigate the complex and constantly changing banking and financial regulations that govern hemp and marijuana-related businesses.

She serves on the board of Our Next Generation, a nonprofit organization that provides after-school and summer tutoring and enrichment programs for children. She also frequently speaks to professional organizations on topics related to bankruptcy and insolvency issues.

In her free time, Sara enjoys cooking, exploring new places through travel, and spending time with her husband, daughter and two dogs.

Education

- J.D., magna cum laude, Marquette University Law School (Editor in Chief, Marquette Law Review)
- B.S., magna cum laude, Marquette University



Bar Admissions

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Litigation

Services

- Business Reorganization
- Financial Institutions
- Commercial Lending
- Cannabis Law

Honors & Affiliations

Honors

- "Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers in America* (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021)

Affiliations

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Our Next Generation (Board Member)
- Bay View Neighborhood Association

Presentations

- Are Storm Clouds Looming: A Fireside Chat with the FDIC and Restructuring Practitioners, panelist, Turnaround Management Association (TMA), Chicago/Midwest Chapter (October 11, 2022)



Publications

- [A Mid-Year Update on Cannabis Banking: Will Financial Institutions Finally Get Clarity?](#), *Bank Beat Magazine*, August 2024
- [Avoiding Loss: Why Your Diligence Practices May Be Putting You at Risk](#), *Great Lakes Banker*, May 2024
- [Third-Party Fees Associated with Paycheck Protection Program Applications](#), *Milwaukee Business Journal*, August 2020
- Co-author for *Corporate LiveWire*: [Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Presents Unique Restructuring Issues and Challenges](#), *Bankruptcy & Restructuring* 2020 (May 2020)
- Co-authored "[P.O.D Accounts Restricting Bank's Right of Setoff](#)," *Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law* (June 2018)