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Mike has a general business practice representing entrepreneurs, owners, investors, and businesses of all stages. He has particular expertise in debt financings and restructurings, business acquisitions and divestitures, and commercial transactions. He also has significant experience in public company corporate governance, corporate secretary and corporate treasury-related matters. Mike has worked extensively with clients in the business services, agribusiness, electric and gas utility, natural gas, specialty chemical, transportation, financial, retail and telecommunications industries.

Mike's experience includes the representation of buyers and sellers in M&A transactions and related financings, including auction processes, management buyouts, and sale leaseback financings. He has counseled borrowers and lenders in bank, capital market and structured financings, ranging from simple loans to multi-billion dollar and multicurrency arrangements. Mike has worked extensively on mortgage bond and other asset-based financing arrangements, and represented borrowers and lenders in troubled debt restructurings. He has counseled clients in commercial transactions in diverse areas including supply agreements, contract manufacturing, and equipment, fleet and railcar leasing.

In addition, Mike has counseled clients in the development of tax credit and government incentive projects, including affordable housing and workforce training projects. He has experience counseling clients in various aspects of enterprise risk management, including property casualty, liability and D&O insurance programs, the formation of captive insurance subsidiaries, and information governance.

Mike has also counseled entrepreneurs and small businesses on the full range of issues around start-up, operations, growth, succession and exit.

Professional Experience

- Vincent | Fontg | Hansen | LLC, of counsel, 2010
- Senior Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Embarq Corporation, 2006-2009
- Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP, Partner, 2000-2006
- Ahlers, Cooney, et al, Partner, 1990-2000
- Iowa Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk, 1989-1990

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL

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- Awarded J.D., cum laude, 1989
 - Order of the Coif
 - Editorial board member, Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology
 - United States Attorney's Intern program
- Drake University, Des Moines, IA
 - Awarded B.A., summa cum laude, in economics, 1986
 - Phi Beta Kappa, with departmental honors

Bar Admissions and Professional Affiliations

- Admitted in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- The Iowa State Bar Association
- Board of Governors, 1995-1998
- President, Young Lawyers Division, 1997-1998
- Kansas Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- American Bar Association
- Association of Corporate Counsel, 2006-2009; Mid-America Chapter Board of Directors, 2007-2009
- Active in youth sports and scouting activities