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Sandra Lee Montgomery is co-chair of the Corporate Department and a nationally recognized leader in banking and finance. She works with institutional investors, direct lenders, private debt funds and investment banks on complex, high-value transactions nationwide. Clients rely on Sandra for clear judgment, commercial focus and a strong command of sophisticated capital structures when financing matters are business-critical.

Sandra is consistently recognized by leading publications and organizations. Most recently, the *Los Angeles Business Journal* named her to its 2026 “Women of Influence: Finance” list, and the *Los Angeles Times* recognized her as a 2025 Banking & Finance Visionary. Sandra was also featured by the *Daily Journal* as one of its Top Women Lawyers. She is recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Latinvex* and *Super Lawyers*.

In addition to her practice leadership, Sandra has played an active role in Firm governance. Prior to being appointed co-Chair of Proskauer’s Corporate Department, she served on the firm’s Executive Committee and the Women Partners Advisory Committee, and she is a former co-chair of the New Business Committee. Sandra also mentors through the Firm’s Diverse Lawyer Mentoring Circle Program.

Sandra focuses on acquisitions, recapitalizations and other leveraged financings, including cash flow and asset-based facilities, debtor-in-possession and exit financings, cross-border financings, unitranche and mezzanine transactions and complex restructurings. She advises clients across a broad range of industries, including retail, technology, transportation, manufacturing, distribution, general industrial, import/export, agriculture and services.

Sandra has extensive knowledge of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and other laws governing secured transactions. Her international experience includes cross-border transactions involving parties in Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, the Cayman Islands, England, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Scotland and Singapore.

Practices

Hybrid Capital, Structured Credit, Private Credit, Asset-Based Lending, Financial Restructuring and Special Situations, Sports, Media & Entertainment Finance, Syndicated Leveraged Finance and Capital Markets, Special Situations, Global Finance

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Private Equity

Education

University of Washington School of Law, J.D.
University of California, Berkeley, B.A.
magna cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions & Qualifications

California

Clerkships

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Los Angeles - Hon. Lisa Hill Fenning

Memberships

Former Member of the Uniform Commercial Code Committee, State Bar of California

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: California: Banking & Finance, 2026

L.A. Times: Legal Visionaries 2026

L.A. Times: Banking & Finance: "Trends, Updates and Visionaries" 2023-2026

Los Angeles Business Journal: Women of Influence: Finance 2026

Los Angeles Business Journal: Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys 2025-2026

Los Angeles Business Journal "Most Influential Women Lawyers" 2019

Chambers USA: California: Banking & Finance 2008-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Finance: Bank Lending, 2016

Best Lawyers in America: Securitizations and Structured Finance Law 2009-2027

IFLR1000, Rising Star, Banking and Finance 2014

Latinvex, Latin America’s Top 50 Female Lawyers, Banking and Finance 2014

Super Lawyers Southern California

The Legal 500 United States: Commercial Lending: Advice to Lenders 2023-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy): Corporate, 2023

Languages

Korean, Portuguese, Spanish