

W. Kent Ihrig

PARTNER, FINANCE TEAM LEAD



Kent serves as the Finance Team Lead and has substantial experience in representing financial institutions and other lenders in a wide variety of domestic and international commercial lending and related activities. He has been involved in the financing of numerous public/private projects, serving as issuer's counsel, developer's counsel, underwriter's counsel, and credit enhancer's counsel. Representative projects include port facilities, airport improvements, health care facilities, and serving as counsel to a major league baseball club in connection with development and construction of a spring training/minor league baseball stadium and related facilities.

Institutional lenders look to Kent for representation in connection with structuring, negotiating, and documenting asset restructures, recoveries, and dispositions, as well as loan workouts consisting of forbearance agreements, structured settlements, deeds in lieu of foreclosure, cash collateral arrangements, and debtor-in-possession loan transactions. He serves as counsel to public and private companies, equity and venture funds, and portfolio companies in connection with syndicated borrowings including revolving credit facilities, term loan A and term loan B facilities, acquisition and roll-up financings, and debt offerings and placements.

SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax and
Transactions
Real Estate and Development

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &
Insurance
Hospitality, Leisure, & Sports
Real Estate, Construction, &
Development

Over his more than three-decade career, Kent has developed deep knowledge in a wide range of issues in the health care, hospitality, technology, transportation, and sports and entertainment industries. He has a proven track record in handling a full range of deal structures, including:

- Real estate acquisition/development
- Construction and term lending
- U.S. Small Business Administration 504 Loan program
- Ground lease financing
- Asset based lending
- Health care, utilities, and other regulated industries (including Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensed broadcasters) financing
- Preferred ships mortgage financing
- Subordinated debt and letters of credit
- Commercial and industrial (C&I) , corporate, and commercial lending
- Acquisition financing in merger and acquisition transactions
- Dividend recapitalization financing

Kent is active in youth lacrosse, having co-founded and served on the board of South Tampa Sticks Youth Lacrosse. He also served on the board of the Hillsborough County Lacrosse Alliance. Outside of the office, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children on their small farm.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1985

Virginia, 1984

United States District Court, Middle District, Florida, 1985

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1985

United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1984

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar, Business Law (UCC Committee) and Real Property Law sections; former Chair Grievance Committee 13-F
- Virginia State Bar, Business Law and Real Property Law sections
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Tampa-Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce, formerly served on various committees

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., Washington and Lee University, 1984

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of South Florida, 1981

- Downtown Corps, formerly served on various committees
- South Tampa Sticks Youth Lacrosse League, Co-Founder; Board of Directors
- Hillsborough County Lacrosse Alliance, Inc., Director and Legal Counsel

HONORS

- AV[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2008-2025
- Florida Super Lawyer *by Super Lawyers* magazine, 2007 – 2014, 2017 – 2025
- Top Real Estate Lawyer in Florida by *Florida Real Estate Magazine*
- Florida's Best Lawyers in *Florida Monthly Magazine*
- Tampa Bay's Best Lawyers by *Tampa Bay Magazine*
- *Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders in America*
- *Who's Who in American Law*
- *Who's Who in America*