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Melissa Whigham is an associate in Ice Miller's Business Group, where she focuses her practice on real estate investment trusts, as well as private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies. She has experience structuring and negotiating domestic and cross-border finance transactions, secured and unsecured senior and mezzanine debt offerings, and first- and second-lien subordinated debt financings, and is knowledgeable in leveraged acquisitions, asset-based lending transactions, and debt restructurings.

Melissa received her juris doctor from Loyola University Chicago and was staff editor of the *Consumer Law Review*. Prior to joining Ice Miller, she served as a leveraged finance associate for a global law firm, where she provided representation and counsel to clients on a variety of matters relating to financing.

Education

- Loyola University Chicago (B.A., 2011)
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2019)

Admissions

- Illinois

Community Involvement

- Associate Board, Chicago Committee, 2022-2024
- Guardian Ad Litem, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Legal Aid Chicago's Eviction Help Desk
- Woodlawn Legal Clinic

Services & Industries

- Business
- Private Equity