

## Insights

### **Krieg DeVault Announces Partnership of Brett J. Ashton, Nicole R. Finelli, Brian M. Heaton, and Robert J. Wild**

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Krieg DeVault is pleased to announce the partnership of five new partners - Brett J. Ashton, Nicole R. Finelli, Brian M. Heaton, and Robert J. Wild. Prior to partnership with the firm, all previously served as tenured Associates or Of Counsel positions with Krieg DeVault in their respective practices.

#### **ABOUT THE PARTNERS**

**Brett J. Ashton** (Indianapolis, IN office) - Brett Ashton joined the firm in 2009 and is a member of the firm's Financial Institutions and Government Affairs Practice Groups. Mr. Ashton focuses his practice on financial institutions and insurance regulatory and compliance matters, in addition to representing a wide variety of clients before the Indiana legislature as a key member of the firm's legislative and executive branch lobbying team. Mr. Ashton counsels banks and non-banks on all aspects of regulatory compliance with state and federal law and existing and developing regulations. Additionally, Mr. Ashton represents clients in administrative hearings, licensing matters, and formal regulatory filings before a variety of Indiana administrative agencies.

**Nicole R. Finelli** (Carmel, IN office) - Nicole Finelli joined the firm in 2006 and is a member of the Firm's Business and Commercial and Real Estate Lending Practice Groups. Ms. Finelli advises both financial institutions and borrowers with respect to complex lending transactions and related issues. Ms. Finelli's practice also includes assisting clients with respect to general business matters from initial organization through dissolution. Ms. Finelli's qualifications include ten years of finance experience spanning back to her prior career as a senior economic and financial consultant at Arthur Andersen LLP and KPMG LLP.

**Brian M. Heaton** (Carmel, IN office) - Brian Heaton joined the firm in 2007 and is a member of the firm's Health Care, Business, and Nonprofit Practice Groups. His practice is primarily focused on providing general corporate and business law advice and assisting start-up and established business and health care provider organizations, including hospitals, physicians, physician groups, ambulatory surgery centers, long-term care facilities and hospital-physician partnerships, with everyday operations and extraordinary transactions.

**Robert J. Wild** (Chicago, IL office) - Bob Wild joined the firm in 2013. He advises small and mid-cap publicly traded



issuers on day-to-day federal securities law disclosure and compliance and board corporate governance. Mr. Wild represents issuers in follow-on and secondary underwritten offerings of equity, senior debt, Rule 144A high-yield offerings and related registered exchange offerings, and PIPE transactions. Mr. Wild also represents buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions and divestitures of stock and assets. He has represented retailers, manufacturers, public accounting firms, consulting firms, wireless carriers, gaming companies, credit card issuers and bank holding companies.

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