

Banking, Payments and Investment Solutions for Governmental Entities

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Ryan has more than 16 years of commercial and retail banking experience. He joined Commerce Bank in 2006. Ryan specializes in relationship management and business development for the government and public entity sectors in Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Ryan received his BBA in Management and a minor in Communications from McKendree College, received academic and athletic scholarships and was a speech evaluator and moderator for Model United Nations. Ryan is registered as a Municipal Securities Representative and Government Securities Representative with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Ryan is also the past Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of The Risk Management Association's St. Louis Young Professionals Chapter.

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Michele achieved her bachelor's degree in Finance and Banking from the University of Missouri in 2011 and has been working for Commerce Bank ever since. She has been a representative in the Treasury Services department since July 2013. As a Treasury Management Officer, she is responsible for facilitating conversations around payments and cash management strategies. Specialties include customer service related to the bank's electronic banking and treasury management services for business and commercial customers. Michele is active within the Central Missouri community and has participated with organizations such as the Voluntary Action Center and the Heart of Missouri United Way. In 2022 Michele was recognized as an ATHENA International Young Professional Award which honors an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession, and serves as a role model for young women personally and professionally. Michele has recently served on the Board of Directors for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, volunteers with Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs, and is a Past Chair of the Women's Network, a division of the Chamber of Commerce.



Jason W. Snow

Senior Vice President

Commerce Bank

Since 1865, the success of Commerce Bank has revolved around three central themes:

Strength

Our financial strength has allowed us to weather difficult economic times and expand over the years, while continuing to operate independently.

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Community

Commerce is a product of the communities we serve, a partnership of our customers, employees and shareholders. We are proud we have continued to bring value to our customers, that we support our region's economy and that we work with others to make our communities better places to live.

Innovation

Financial services is a dynamic and constantly changing market. At Commerce, we value and have been successful in applying new ideas, new technology and creativity to change while maintaining our core values of customer service and teamwork.

Investment Alternatives

The Commerce Bank Capital Markets Group (CMG) helps you achieve liquidity and competitive yields with proven products and skilled expertise. CMG specializes in fixed income instruments and cash management products to corporations, financial institutions, money managers, not-for-profits, insurance companies and municipalities. We also offer a full range of complimentary services that provide the necessary information to help you make appropriate investment decisions.

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Experience

Mr. Snow assists institutional clients invest over \$1 billion in fixed income assets. He helps banks, municipalities, non-profits and corporations to optimize the risk-reward profile of their investment portfolios. Since 1993, Jason has provided clients with comprehensive knowledge and experience while developing and implementing strategic investment plans tailored to meet each client's unique needs and goals.



Certifications

Mr. Snow is registered as a Municipal Securities Representative and Government Securities Representative with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.



Education

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance – University of Central Oklahoma

Executive MBA – Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School – Honors Graduate

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Sunshine Law Compliance & Records Management

Jason Lewis has been with the Attorney General's Office since 2016 and is currently Chief Counsel for the Governmental Affairs Section. His principal practice areas are Sunshine Law, constitutional law, elections law, and appellate litigation. Jason earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. Following his graduation from law school, Jason was first in private practice at a large law firm in St. Louis. Prior to his career as an attorney, Jason worked for several years in higher education administration in university admissions, and has a background in finance and accounting.

Amanda Mollett has been an Assistant Attorney General since 2021, working in the Sunshine Law and Mental Health units of the Governmental Affairs division. She graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2021.

Staying Out of the Weed(s): How to Ensure Compliance with State and Federal Employment Laws in Light of Missouri's Legalization of Medical Marijuana

Melanie Renkin Presenter Bio:

Melanie is a standout litigator and trial attorney who focuses her practice on employment, constitutional, and education law. She represents clients in state and federal court, as well as before administrative agencies, in matters relating to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, workers' compensation retaliation, and various contract and tort claims.

Melanie recently led a team of 40+ defense counsel across the state of Illinois in a lawsuit filed by more than 1,700 plaintiffs who alleged that Illinois public school districts' COVID-19 policies violated their children's constitutional rights. She drafted and argued a motion to dismiss on behalf of 145 school districts, resulting in a dismissal with prejudice. Melanie currently is leading the defense of a lawsuit filed by 40+ teachers and staff members of one of the largest public school districts in Missouri, alleging violations of various constitutional guarantees—including rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments—and state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

Melanie also helps clients navigate day-to-day human resources issues such as wage and hour matters, disability accommodations, the FMLA, restrictive covenants, employee discipline, internal investigations, and ensuring compliance with constantly evolving state and federal employment laws.

Melanie's practice has included work with clients in the financial services, construction, healthcare, technology, hospitality, non-profit, government, and retail industries, among others.

Prior to joining Mickes O'Toole, Melanie practiced for several years at a large Midwest law firm, and went on to represent multi-billion-dollar companies as in-house counsel, where she managed outside counsel and played an active role in defending her employers in lawsuits worldwide. Having worked as general counsel to a global software engineering firm, Melanie is familiar with the delicate balance clients must achieve in managing risk while also running an efficient and profitable business.

Active Shooter & Emergency Preparedness Training

Presenter Bio: Marshal Broughton has in law enforcement for 32 years, the last 25 in the detective bureau conducting investigations. He is a supervisor on the Major Case Squad and an adjunct instructor at the St. Louis County Police Academy. He has been employed with the City of Des Peres Public Safety Department for the last 13 years.

GASB 96: Subscription-based IT Arrangements

Ted Williamson is a Partner at the public accounting firm of RubinBrown LLP in St. Louis, Missouri, where he specializes in audits of city and county governments, state agencies, colleges and universities, and Native American tribal entities. Ted has served at RubinBrown for 14 years; prior to that, he was a senior manager at the firm of KPMG LLP, where he served for 11 years.

Ted has been a speaker at the GFOA National Conference on eight occasions from 2013 through 2022. Ted also was one of the speakers on the annual GFOA Governmental GAAP Update Webinar in the fall of 2017. Ted has also spoken at GFOA conferences at the state and local level, as well as at conferences hosted by the Missouri Society of CPA's, the Nebraska Society of CPA's, the Missouri Municipal League and the Missouri Association of School Business Officials.

Ted is a former member of the AICPA Private Company Practice Section's Technical Issues Committee and a member of the Missouri Peer Review Acceptance Body.

Social Media & Local Government Liability: Beware the raging Tweet!

Allen Garner is the sole proprietor of Allen Garner Law, LLC engaged in the practice of law with an emphasis on local government, labor, mediation and arbitration. He also provides general risk management advice and solutions particularly as it relates to units of local government.

Mr. Garner served as city attorney for Jefferson City for over eighteen years followed by eight years as city attorney for Independence Missouri. In these positions as well as during the twenty five years he served as city attorney and special counsel to Eldon, Missouri, Mr. Garner dealt with a broad range of issues confronting local government. These included contracts, litigation, development agreements, labor contracts, general ordinances, land use regulation, defense of police matters, environmental compliance, and many more that arose in the daily operations of his clients.

Currently Mr. Garner acts as the legal advisor to the Missouri Municipal League. He serves as the city attorney for Glenaire Missouri and takes on special projects for various other municipalities and non-profit organizations. He has expanded his practice to include acting as general counsel for an insurance company and several marketing companies engaged in the medical insurance supplement business.

In addition to his service as a municipal attorney, Mr. Garner has served as a municipal judge, municipal prosecutor, assistant county prosecutor, State Chair for the International Municipal Lawyers Association, member of the Missouri Municipal League Board of Directors, and as a member of several private boards. He completed terms as president of the Independence Rotary Club and as president of the Missouri Public Risk Management Association (twice). He is former District Governor for Rotary District 6040.