

Winston Expands Leveraged Finance Team with Partner R. Lee Discher



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Chicago, IL – April 8, 2026 – Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that Lee Discher has joined the firm’s Transactions Department as a partner in the Finance Practice in Chicago.

Lee represents corporate borrowers and private equity sponsors and borrowers in complex business transactions, with a particular focus on debt finance.

“I’m thrilled to join Winston’s premier leveraged finance team,” Lee said. “The firm’s global platform and deep mid-market presence create an ideal environment to expand my practice and deliver meaningful results for clients.”

His arrival builds on the firm’s recent transactional growth in Chicago, including the additions of partners [David Love](#) and [Patrick Valenti](#) in February, and reflects the firm’s ongoing investments in the Transactions Department across its platform.

“Lee brings immediate value to our leveraged finance team,” Transactions Department Co-Chairs Timothy Kincaid and Brad Vaiana said. “His experience on the borrower side strengthens an already formidable team and enhances our ability to guide clients through increasingly complex financing environments.”

“Lee is an exceptional addition to our Chicago office and to our transactional bench,” Chicago Office Managing Partner William O’Neil said. “His experience aligns perfectly with the needs of our finance clients, and he will play an important role in supporting the practice’s continued growth.”

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