

Peter Nelson

Managing Partner

nelson.peter@dorsey.com

Minneapolis – 612.492.6033



Peter Nelson is Dorsey's Managing Partner. His dedication to service and collaboration led him to Dorsey's top position.

For well over two decades, Peter has embraced a business-outcomes approach to serving clients. Peter is a listener, and his deep knowledge of the industries he serves and the nuances that drive business decisions have been hallmarks of his legal practice and his roles in firm management.

In Peter's legal practice, he has served agents, lenders, borrowers, developers, and private equity funds in all aspects of leveraged financings, syndicated loan transactions, acquisition financings, mezzanine financings, floorplan financings, structured trade credit, receivables and inventory financings, agricultural and cooperative lending, project financings, and other related secured lending and project transactions. He has also advised financial institutions in workouts and refinancings of leveraged loans, secured credit facilities and project finance loans.

In addition to serving as Managing Partner, Peter is a former co-leader of the Finance and Restructuring Practice Group and former co-chair of the Banking & Financial Institutions Industry Group. He has also served on Dorsey's Policy Committee, which acts as the firm's Board of Directors.

Select Experience

Leverage Lending Transactions

- Represented agent bank in connection with a \$100 million syndicated senior secured credit facility to finance the acquisition by a private equity fund of an international designer, manufacturer, and distributor of components and fabrics for custom alternative window coverings and related roll-up acquisitions.
- Represented agent bank in connection with a \$125 million syndicated senior secured credit facility to finance the acquisition by a private equity fund of a loan and mortgage

Education

- University of Houston Law Center (J.D., 2002)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Chief Notes and Comments Editor, *Houston Law Review*, 2002
 - Order of the Coif, Order of the Barons, Dean's Scholarship
- Carleton College (B.A., 1995)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Texas

servicing company and related roll-up acquisitions.

- Represented agent bank in connection with a \$80 million syndicated senior secured credit facility to finance the acquisition by a private equity group of a software and IT developer and provider of HR and staffing services.
- Represented agent bank in connection with a \$75 million syndicated senior secured credit facility to finance the acquisition by a private equity group of an international designer and manufacturer of branded tableware products used by commercial hospitality and institutional foodservice providers.

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member Emeritus, Coffee House Press

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2017-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024-2026
- *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*, "Power Shift 25," 2025
- *Twin Cities Business*, TCB 100, 2025
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- BTI, Client Service All-Stars, 2020
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2016-2017, 2020
- *Texas Monthly Magazine*, "Rising Star," 2006-2008

Insights

March 30, 2026

Peter Nelson Credits Culture-First Strategy for Dorsey's Strong 2025 Performance

January 27, 2026

Dorsey Responds to Minneapolis Unrest with Colleague and Community Support

December 30, 2025

Peter Nelson Highlights Dorsey's "All-In" Strategy in Chicago

December 8, 2025

Peter Nelson Discusses Dorsey's Strategic Growth Plans with Minnesota Star Tribune

November 4, 2025

Dorsey's New Chicago Team and Growth in Boise Featured in Multiple Publications