



WOMEN'S MARCH PEER GROUP PANEL
Changes, Challenges, and Choices Ahead

This panel discussion examines how the proposed legislative changes under the new administration could impact M&A activity in the year ahead. Industry experts will provide insights on this timely and significant topic.

The ACG St. Louis Women's Peer Group helps advance women in the St. Louis dealmaking community by creating opportunities for them to network, engage and develop both personally and professionally. ACG St. Louis is committed to offering opportunities for inclusion, business development and career growth.

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Moderator and Panelists

Mallorie Francisco, Bank of America, Moderator

Mallorie is a Senior Relationship Manager in Bank of America's Global Commercial Banking group, bringing a wealth of expertise in providing tailored financial solutions to middle-market companies. With a focus on fostering long-term client relationships, Mallorie works with companies across diverse industries to address their unique banking needs, including credit solutions, treasury services, and strategic financial planning.

Leading a team of specialists, Mallorie leverages Bank of America's vast resources to deliver customized strategies that drive success and helps businesses navigate complex financial challenges while maintaining a commitment to exceptional service.

Prior to joining Bank of America in 2019, Mallorie worked in commercial banking at U.S. Bank in Los Angeles. Mallorie graduated from University of Missouri – Columbia, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, emphasis in finance & banking.

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Shana Fick, Forvis Mazars, Panelist

Shana is a director on the Forvis Mazars St. Louis tax team and has been with the firm since 2014. With over 10 years of experience in the tax industry, she provides a variety of tax and consulting services to businesses and individuals. Her role includes serving as director for several financial institution clients, real estate entities, and high-net-worth individuals. She collaborates closely with corporations and partnerships of various sizes.

A dedicated professional, Shana is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Missouri Society of CPAs. Beyond her professional commitments, she is actively involved in the St. Louis community and serves on the board of North Side Community School, a charter public school supporting urban neighborhoods.

Passionate about both learning and teaching, Shana acts as an internal instructor for interns and new hires within the department. She graduated in 2013 from the University of Missouri, Columbia, earning a Master of Science degree in accountancy with a certification in taxation.

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Kelsey McGonigle, UB Greensfelder, Panelist

Kelsey is a partner at UB Greensfelder. She advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, primarily in the middle-market space. She is often engaged to assist on both buy-side and sell-side matters in the manufacturing, distribution, technology, and health care industries, among others. In addition, she advises clients on a wide range of business matters, including commercial finance, commercial contract review, entity formation, succession planning, and general outside counsel advice.

Kelsey is admitted to the bar in Missouri. She earned her Juris Doctor summa cum laude from William & Mary Law School in 2013, where she received the Order of the Coif and served on the William and Mary Law Review. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from the University of Tulsa in 2009.

As a member of ACG St. Louis Advisory Board, she currently serves as Secretary and Emerging Leaders Committee Chair.

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Bridget Ringwald, Capital For Business, Panelist

Bridget is a Private Equity Associate at Capital For Business[®] (CFB). Since joining the team in 2023, her responsibilities include sourcing, analyzing and underwriting various platforms and add-on acquisitions in the industrial lower-middle market. In her responsibilities, she enjoys fostering long-term relationships in the M&A community. Prior to CFB, Bridget worked in commercial lending and treasury services at Commerce Bancshares, Inc., CFB's limited partner. She is a graduate of Westminster College in Fulton, MO, and obtained her bachelor's degree in finance. Bridget is also a member of ACG St. Louis and was recently named to its Emerging 20 Program for 2025.

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Juli Van Hook, Stifel Bank & Trust, Panelist

Juli joined Stifel Bank & Trust in March 2016 to launch the Sponsor Finance Lending business, partnering with middle-market private equity firms to provide debt capital for acquisitions. As Head of Sponsor Finance Lending, she oversees teams in St. Louis, Chicago, and Dallas, facilitating approximately \$3.5 billion in commitments since inception. In 2024, Juli spearheaded Stifel Bank's private credit strategy through a Joint Venture with Lord Abbett, broadening deal opportunities for the bank.

Previously, she was a Senior Vice President at U.S. Bank in the Sponsor Finance Lending Group. Juli holds a Bachelor of Science in International Business with a minor in accounting from Illinois State University and a Master of Business Administration from Lindenwood University.

Active in her community, Juli serves as Treasurer of the National Kidney Foundation's St. Louis chapter and volunteers with the Young Men's Service League and National Charity League, supporting philanthropic initiatives with her family.

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