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**Education**

The John Marshall Law School, J.D.  
Purdue University, B.A.

**Areas of Concentration**

Banking and Commercial Finance  
Business Transactions

**Admission**

Illinois \*  
United States District Court for Northern District of Illinois  
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

**Professional Memberships & Organizations**

ABA, ISBA, CBA  
Member - Board of Directors, Risk Management Association - Chicago Chapter

**Volunteer Programs**

Court Appointed Special Advocate (Casa) of Cook County  
Mentor, Elmhurst College, Center for Professional Excellence

**Publications & Presentations**

"The Liability of Certification Authorities to Relying Third Parties,"  
The John Marshall Law School Journal of Computer & Info. Law, Vol. XVII, No. 3 (1999)  
(Co-Authored)

"Notary Bonds and Insurance: Increasing the Protection for Consumers and Notaries,"  
31 J. Marshall L. Rev. 839 (1998)

"Illinois' Million Dollar Notary Bond Deception,"  
The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Vol. 141, No. 42, March 2, 1995.  
Reprinted in Illinois Politics, Vol. 4, No. 3, March 1995 (Co-Authored)

"Promises to Keep: American Views of Developments in Chinese Copyright Law," 6  
Software Law Journal 273 (1993) (Co-Authored)

**Executive Summary**

Mr. Osty's practice focuses on business transactions and commercial finance. He has substantial experience counseling commercial enterprises, from start-ups to publicly traded companies, on a wide variety of issues that affect day-to-day business operations. He routinely negotiates and drafts transaction documents such as real estate purchase agreements and leases, non-compete, distribution and licensing agreements as well as business acquisition and sale agreements.

Mr. Osty's finance practice includes representing local, regional and national lenders and borrowers in the structuring, negotiating and documentation of commercial finance transactions, including asset-based, working capital, real estate, aircraft and syndicated loan deals. In addition, he represents traditional bank and non-bank lenders in work-out and forbearance situations and other forms of creditor's rights enforcement actions.

\* Licensed to practice only in the jurisdictions and before the Courts listed above.