



## Larry E. Parres

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Larry Parres leads Lewis Rice's Bankruptcy & Insolvency practice group, advising clients on complex financial transactions, restructurings, and litigation across industries and jurisdictions.

Larry serves as Practice Group Leader for the Bankruptcy & Insolvency practice group. He represents private companies in complex transactions and advises national, regional, and local financial institutions on loan documentation and Chapter 11 bankruptcy matters. His work includes representing some of the largest banking associations in the United States in cases filed in Missouri, Illinois, Delaware, and New York.

Larry regularly counsels the Firm's corporate clients on the purchase and sale of assets and businesses nationwide, including transactions involving heavy industrial operations, real estate, and intellectual property. He also advises clients on business succession planning and general corporate matters, with a focus on aligning legal strategy with business goals in a timely and cost-effective manner.

His practice includes banking litigation, where he enforces clients' rights under loan agreements and other contracts. Both lenders and borrowers rely on him to draft and review loan documentation that protects their interests and addresses their specific needs.

Larry is a former President, Director, and Co-founder of the St. Louis Tri-State Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and served on its national Board of Directors. He is a member of the Risk Management Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the American Bar Association. He also serves on the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and frequently lectures on corporate and banking topics, including attorney fee issues, for organizations such as the Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Turnaround Management Association.

Larry is actively involved in the St. Louis community and has held leadership roles with several nonprofit organizations, including serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. He has also served as a director or trustee for the St. Patrick Center, the Boy Scouts of America, and St. Simon the Apostle Church. In 2014, he received the Richard H. Amberg Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis for his contributions to the organization's mission.

### Services

- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Banking & Financial
- Banking Litigation

Larry was selected by the *St. Louis Business Journal* as part of its "40 Under 40" Class of 2003 for bringing creativity to bankruptcy law. He is AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers®* from 2010 to 2026.

## Education

- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law (J.D., 1988)
  - *UMKC Law Review*
  - *Urban Lawyer*
- Saint Louis University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1985)
  - Political Science, Business certificate

## Legal Background

- Law clerk, Van Osdol, Magruder, Erickson & Redmond, Kansas City, MO (1986-1988)

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Missouri Bar Association
- Local Rules Advisory Committee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- Illinois State Bar Association, Commercial Banking and Bankruptcy Section
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Bankruptcy Section
- St. Louis Tri-State Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (Board of Directors, 2006-present)
- Risk Management Association - St. Louis

## Admissions

- Eighth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Western District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Southern District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Central District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

## Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Chairman of the Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (2019-2020)
- Board member, Turnaround Management Association
- St. Patrick Center Board of Trustees
- The Boy Scouts of America
- St. Simon the Apostle Church

## Special Honors

- Richard H. Amberg Award, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (2014)
- National Service to Youth Award, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (2025)

## Appointments

- Requested by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri to assist in the writing and implementation of local bankruptcy rules for the bankruptcy court

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# Boys & Girls Club Q&A

## How did you first become involved with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis?

In 2004 I played in the annual Jim Butler's Golf Classic tournament. The tournament took more than six hours to complete 15 holes. I told the Tournament Director that if she wanted to run a better tournament, she should call me the next year. She did, and three years later, I joined the Board of Directors. After eight years on the Board, I am honored to begin my two-year term as Chairman.

## What are some challenges faced by children and teens in the St. Louis area? How does the Boys & Girls Club help?

The challenges are many, but the key to the Club's success is to provide a safe, free, and educational environment so that intercity kids have the tools to accomplish their goals and a place to take pride in their accomplishments. Each child celebrates different successes, and we want them to know that each accomplishment frames who that young person is and what they can achieve regardless of their circumstances. We want them to know, as a Club, we care about them individually and strive to be the place where dreams are created, accomplished, and celebrated. We are the family that so many of these children get to enjoy for only \$25 a year, which allows us to be the safe place for members to go after school and during the summer.

## What do you hope to accomplish as Chairman of the Board?

My term as a Chairman will focus primarily on turning the new Ferguson Teen Center from a dream into a huge success for the Club and for North County. My personal goal is to make sure that all of the Club members have an opportunity to become comfortable in diverse situations and environments. I believe that the Club should be the leader in bringing county kids to the inner city and the inner city kids to the county. It is only through having kids interact at young ages that we can break the cycle of racism and segregation. Our future is bright if we stress the importance of diversity at the youngest age. Tear down the walls and allow children to show us adults how to see all people as gifts from God—not beings we should hate or fear.

## Tell us about the Teen Center of Excellence being built in Ferguson. What role did you play in getting this project off the ground?

The Teen Center of Excellence has been a dream of the Club's President, Dr. Flint Fowler, for years. He has spent his life devoted to making a difference for adolescent children in St. Louis. As a member of the Board and Finance Committee, I have worked with the Club to bring this dream to reality, but only after working hard to make certain that St. Louis will support the Center and to secure three years of operating revenues once the Center was

built. This Center will be the first in St. Louis and the nation to concentrate all its efforts on the success that children bring with them into their teens. This Center will allow the Club's members to stay active at the Club after grade school. It will provide life lessons and prepare the members for life after high school—whether it be college or life in a trade. College is not for everyone, and this Center will highlight the options available to all, regardless of high school class rank. This Center will provide our teens an opportunity to grow in a very safe environment while chasing their dreams and becoming successful members of our community.

### **What have you learned throughout your 12+ years with the Boys & Girls Club?**

I have learned that St. Louis is a very generous city. This great city supports so many great causes. We lifetime St. Louisans don't always realize the resources and accomplishments of the City of St. Louis. I truly believe that giving our inner city youths a chance to succeed, through the resources offered by the Club, will break the cycle of poverty and racism. These kids are fabulous and I believe our future is bright. Spend time with today's youth as they will be tomorrow's leaders and, if you're successful in your efforts, they will carry your values and beliefs into the next generation.

### **What advice do you have for someone looking to get involved in an organization like the Boys & Girls Club?**

Jump in. Every organization needs volunteers and the skills of those volunteers. Don't sit back and don't be afraid to get dirty—just know someone benefits from all of your hard work and by paying it forward, we make St. Louis a better community for all.