**ELLEN PARKER PESCH**

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**Professional Experience:**

September 2000 to

Present **Sidley Austin LLP,** Chicago, Illinois

*Partner, Insurance and Financial Services Group*

*Co-Head OTC Derivatives Cross Practice Area Team*

Practice involves structuring, negotiating and documenting derivatives and structured financial products with a particular emphasis on alternative risk transfer transactions and nuances between the insurance and derivatives markets. Clients include banks, insurance companies, broker-dealers and asset managers. Member of firm’s Associate Compensation Committee and Recruiting Committee.

March 1994 to

September 2000 **Katten Muchin Zavis,** Chicago, Illinois

*Partner, Financial Services Group*

Practice involved representation of banks, insurance companies, broker-dealers and large corporations in a wide variety of derivative and financial transactions. Participated in the firm’s Recruiting Committee and Summer Associate Mentoring Program.

**Education: DePaul University College of Law,** Chicago, Illinois

LL.M, June 1991

**John Marshall Law School,** Chicago, Illinois

J.D., January 1989

**Barat College,** Lake Forest, Illinois

B.A., Accounting and Economics, May 1986

**Bar Admission:** Illinois Supreme Court, 1989

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1989

**Honors/Awards:** *Leading Lawyer*, *Capital Markets: Structured Products,*  Chambers USA-America’s Leading Business Lawyers (2010)

**Recent Publications:** *Uses of Derivatives in Finance and Structured Finance Transactions.* Derivatives: Legal Practice and Strategies, 2009, Aspen Publishers

*New Products: Total Return Swaps, Weather Derivatives, Catastrophe Derivatives and Other Emerging Instruments,* Derivatives: Legal Practice and Strategies, 2009, Aspen Publishers

**Recent Presentations:**

October 2010 *“OTC Regulatory Reform Issues”*

U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

International Symposium and Training Program for International Market Authorities

Chicago, IL

October 2010 *“Credit Default Swaps – Insurance or Not?”*

Casualty Actuarial Society, In Focus: The Government in Insurance Seminar

Boston, MA

Various *“The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement”*

ISDA Understanding the ISDA Master Agreement Conference

Various *“Understanding the ISDA Credit Support Annex”*

ISDA Understanding Collateral Arrangements and the ISDA Credit Support Documents Conference

April 2010 *“Litigation in the OTC Derivatives Market – Overview of Cases & Trends”*

ISDA Litigation Symposium

San Francisco, CA

October 2009 *“Credit Default Swaps/Derivatives”*

Financial Markets Association 2009 Legal and Compliance Conference

Washington, D.C.

July 2009 *“Standardizing Catastrophe Derivatives”*

ISDA Wind Event Symposium

New York, NY

April 2009 *“Credit Default Swaps – Regulatory Issues”*

ALI-ABA Credit Default Swaps Seminar

Webinar

March 2009 *“Next Generation Collateral Solutions”*

SIFMA Insurance/Risk Linked Securities Conference

New York, NY

March 2009 *“Fundamentals of Derivatives”*

ALI-ABA Fundamentals of Derivatives

Webinar