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A founding member of Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, Debbie concentrates her practice on community economic development and affordable housing finance. Debbie started and leads the firm's New Markets Tax Credit group and focuses on structuring and closing of new markets tax credit and historic rehabilitation tax credit transactions, often involving both state and federal tax credits. Additionally, she has over 20 years of experience representing and counseling investors, syndicators, developers, and lenders in affordable housing transactions utilizing low-income housing tax credits and other federal, state, and local loan and grant programs. Debbie received a Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University with High Honors and received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Illinois bar.

Since 1998, Debbie has been involved in various roles with Deborah's Place, the largest provider of housing and supportive services for women in Chicago who are homeless or formerly homeless. She's contributed time as a Board President, volunteer, fundraiser, committee member and is currently a member of the Board Emeritus and vice president of 2 subsidiary ownership entity boards. Debbie lives in Chicago with her husband, Paul. She enjoys running, hiking, biking, skiing, baking, and exploring the world.