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Jay focuses his practice on commercial real estate, commercial real estate lending, structured finance, and equity investment by traditional and capital market sources. His equity investor legal representation covers all phases of real estate and finance, including preparation and negotiation of purchase and sale agreements for unimproved and improved real estate, review and preparation of leases, easements, CCRs and property development agreements, issuance of legal opinions (including non-consolidation opinions), loan document review and negotiation and coordination of prepayment, consent, loan assumption and defeasance transactions with client's lenders and loan servicers. For lenders, Jay assists with syndicated and single-lender credit facilities, CMBS loans, bridge loans, mezzanine loans and various loan servicing matters, including preparation and negotiation of forbearance agreements, legal structuring of real estate loan workouts and review and preparation of mortgage loan purchase agreements and servicing agreements.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

- Over 30 years of experience representing national, regional, and local owners, tenants, banks, investment funds, and their clients in all aspects of commercial real estate investment, commercial real estate development and leasing, and commercial real estate lending, including mezzanine finance and preferred equity investments.
- Involved in many complex real estate acquisitions and development deals, including air rights developments.
- Regularly serves as North Carolina counsel to many out-of-state developers, lenders, and real estate funds.
- Serves as lead partner for the oversight and closing of real estate secured loans and mezzanine loans secured by office, multi-family, retail, warehouse, hospitality, mixed-use, institutions, and healthcare properties.

Education

American University Washington
College of Law, JD, magna cum laude
(1992)

University of Virginia, BA (1988)

Admissions

New York

North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Western District
of North Carolina

Practice Areas

[Real Estate Capital Markets](#)

Industries

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Real Estate](#)

- Routinely represents institutions selling, purchasing, managing, and servicing real estate, whole loans, and A/B notes.
- Market-cyclical focus on restructuring and workouts of real estate secured loans.

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Securitization and Structured Finance Law (2010–2026)
- [N.C. Pro Bono Honor Society](#), N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center (2019, 2021)
- [AV Preeminent® peer review rating](#), [Martindale-Hubbell®](#), Top Rated Lawyer in Banking and Finance Law (2013)
- [Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite"](#)(2010)
- [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#), Rising Stars in banking (2009)
- [Charlotte Business Journal "40 Under 40"](#)(2004)

Professional Activities

- Board of Directors, Mecklenburg Bar Foundation (2009–2012)