



Blake Harper

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Blake Harper advises clients across a broad range of finance, corporate, M&A, and real estate transactions, helping lenders, middle-market businesses, institutional investors, and property owners structure and execute deals that advance their strategic and capital objectives.

Mr. Harper's practice focuses on a broad range of transactional matters, including leveraged acquisitions and divestitures, private equity-style mergers, joint ventures, equity and debt financings, and capital markets investments. He regularly represents clients in complex real estate acquisitions, dispositions, and development projects, as well as in corporate reorganizations and governance matters. Mr. Harper counsels clients through every stage of a transaction – from initial structuring and diligence through negotiation, documentation, closing, and post-closing integration – providing practical, business-oriented advice grounded in a deep understanding of financial and operational considerations.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Harper worked as a certified public accountant (CPA) at a large regional accounting firm, where his experiences as an external auditor helped him develop a strong foundation in financial analysis, internal controls, and risk management that continues to inform his legal work.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national bank in negotiating and closing a \$35 million senior secured credit facility backed by a health care private equity firm and supported by multiple affiliate guarantors.
- Represented a banking company in a financing that provided a \$5 million term loan and a \$1 million non formula revolver to a management services organization (MSO) for an ear, nose, and throat and facial plastic surgery provider majority owned by an equity group, along with \$9 million in mezzanine funding from two additional investors.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2026)
- Certified Public Accountant* (Alabama, 2015)
- Member – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member – Alabama Society of CPAs (ASCPA)
- Board Member – Legal Services Alabama (LSA)

Publications

- "Transparency in Coverage Rules" (June 2022)
- Co-author – "SBA Releases Application and Guidelines for \$28.6 Billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund" (April 2021)
- Co-author – "UPDATE: Administrative Guidance Issued Regarding Implementation of COBRA Subsidies," republished in *Westlaw* (April 2021)

Education

- Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 2020, magna cum laude
- Birmingham-Southern College, Accounting, 2011, cum laude



Admissions

- Alabama

*Baker Donelson is not a CPA firm.