

OUR PRACTICE

Real Estate Finance

Baker Donelson lawyers represent lenders and borrowers in a wide variety of commercial real estate financings, including land acquisition loans, construction loans, financings as part of asset based loans, permanent loans, bond financings, multi-state transactions, and other public and quasi-public financings. We are familiar with an extensive range of assets that include multi-family, office, retail, industrial, timber, farm land, agri-business, nursing home and long term care facilities. We regularly serve as local counsel for multi-state transactions and provide assistance in states across the southeastern United States. Our clients include national, state and community banks, insurance companies, and other institutional lenders. Our firm also has a niche national practice in HUD-Insured Finance, a significant Health Care Bankruptcy and Distress practice, and extensive and diverse experience with financings by Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS).

Our attorneys handle the full range of real estate based financial transactions and have extensive backgrounds in financial services, tax, corporate, commercial litigation and bankruptcy. Some examples of the services we provide are:

- Structuring real estate loan transactions and addressing specific loan proposal issues;
- Documenting, negotiating and closing complex real estate loan transactions, including direct loans for financial institutions and syndicated loans for the agent bank;
- Serving as local counsel, reviewing loan documents and providing opinions of counsel as to enforceability;
- Representing the lender in court on loan enforcement and work out matters;
- Foreclosing on behalf of the lender; and
- Advocating for the lender's rights in bankruptcy matters.



Representative Matters

- Represented lenders on syndication of revolving and term loans secured by real estate located throughout the U.S.
- Served as counsel to lender on a \$12 million land development loan for mixed commercial and residential property in Tennessee.
- Served as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of \$32 million revenue bonds pertaining to an educational facility located in Shelby County, Tennessee.
- Served as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of \$14 million multifamily housing revenue bonds pertaining to an apartment project in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Assisted lender on construction loans ranging from \$5 million to \$10 million for development of franchised hotels in states throughout the southeast.
- Served as developer counsel to a major drug store chain on numerous acquisitions financed with bank loans throughout the southeast.