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OVERVIEW

Alexis represents borrowers and lenders in financial transactions, as well as traditional real estate clients in complex real estate transactions.

With a lifelong interest in finance, Alexis first pursued a career as an accountant. After earning her master's of accountancy and working at a Big Four accounting firm, she decided her true passion lay on the legal side of the finance world. Alexis enrolled in law school with the aim of combining her skills to build a career in transactional law.

At her first law firm, Alexis immediately dove into the world of commercial real estate, representing major institutional lenders in complex real estate financing transactions for a variety of commercial real estate asset types, including office and industrial buildings, multi-family properties, hotels and mixed-use projects. Her practice since has focused on both borrowers and lenders and includes assistance with diligence, drafting, negotiation and closing of loans secured by commercial real estate assets. Alexis also has extensive experience with acquisition and disposition of commercial real property, representing both buyers and sellers. She also has experience on the development side, preparing and negotiating joint venture agreements, contribution agreements and development agreements for the purpose of developing commercial real estate projects.

The broad scope of Alexis's practice gives her an in-depth understanding of all angles of a real estate transaction and its financing. She's especially known among clients for the accounting background and education that give her a solid grasp of financial matters. Alexis speaks clients'

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Banking & Finance

Corporate Real Estate

Hospitality

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Investment

language and knows finance inside and out—knowledge she draws on to resolve any challenges obstructing a deal.

Experience

- Represented borrowers in obtaining construction financing for commercial real estate assets, including hotel and office properties.
- Represented lenders in modifications to commercial real estate financing transactions.
- Represented buyers and sellers in acquisitions and dispositions of commercial real estate, including hotels.
- Drafted and negotiated legal opinions in connection with commercial real estate financing transactions.
- Prepared and negotiated joint venture agreements, contribution agreements and development agreements in connection with the acquisition, development and ownership of commercial real estate assets.
- Represented borrowers in obtaining financing and negotiating loan documents for commercial real estate assets, including office, multi-family and industrial properties.
- Represented buyers and sellers in acquisitions and dispositions of commercial real estate, including drafting and negotiating purchase agreements and related listing, access and confidentiality agreements.
- Represented lenders in commercial real estate financing transactions, including drafting and negotiating loan documents and performing due diligence reviews.
- Assisted clients in preparing and negotiating property-level documents, including management agreements and leasing agreements, leases, licenses, estoppels and subordination, non-disturbance, and attornment agreements.
- Represented large institutional lending clients in a variety of complex real estate financing transactions for numerous asset types including high-rise offices, hotels and multi-family residences.

Experience

- Represented lenders and community development entities in connection with New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) transactions, including drafting and negotiating transaction documents.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Real Estate Law, 2021-2024

Education

- J.D., DePaul University College of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - *DePaul Law Review*
- M.Acc., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- B.B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

Admissions

- Illinois



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