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### **Services**

Commercial & Corporate Finance, Commercial Real Estate Finance, Financial Institution Disputes, Workouts, Restructurings & Enforcement, Real Estate, Trusts, Estates & Fiduciary Litigation,

Robert practices in the firm's Lending Practice Group where he represents financial institutions, privately owned companies, and municipalities in a complete range of real estate and financial transactions.

Robert focuses on a wide variety of dealings, including commercial and industrial real estate, entity formation, liquidations, acquisitions, financing and internal governance. He also advises banks and individuals with the administration of estates and trusts. Robert has represented clients on claims of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of loyalty, conversion of funds, undue influence and incapacity. Robert ran a title insurance agency for several years and taught a class on real estate transactions and commercial leasing certified by the Alabama Real Estate Commission. His real estate practice includes negotiating and drafting purchase agreements, mortgages, deeds, leases, security devices, formal written opinions and conducting foreclosure proceedings. Robert regularly advises developers and municipalities with land use and zoning matters. In addition, he has represented landlords and tenants in a variety of commercial lease matters, such as restaurants, office, and retail operators, including deals in centers anchored by the mega retailers.

Robert was the valedictorian and recipient of the Toolen Award and Ralph McClain Essay Award at Spring Hill College. Robert then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law. While there, he received the Harold A. Bowron, Jr. Award, the Highest Achievement Labor and Employment Law Award and the Highest Achievement Advanced Will Drafting Award.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Robert volunteers within his community to serve others.

### **Education**

J.D., University of Alabama School of Law, (2007)  
B.S., *summa cum laude*, Spring Hill College, (2004)

## **Licensed In**

Alabama

## **Honors & Awards**

- *Alabama Super Lawyers* "Rising Star", Business/Corporate (2011-2015)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Banking (2016-2017)
- *Mobile Bay Magazine's* "40 Under 40" (2018)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent© Peer Review Rating

## **Professional Associations**

Alabama Bar Association

Center for Real Estate & Economic Development, Advisory Board

Leadership Mobile (2019)

Probate Section of the Mobile Bar Association, Chairman (2017)

## **Community Involvement**

American Cancer Society's, "Real Men Wear Pink of South Alabama"

United Way of Southwest Alabama, Inc., Board of Trustees

## **Experience**

- Represented borrower in \$1,000,000,000 plus credit facility secured by land through the U.S.
- Represented borrower in \$900,000,000 plus credit facility secured by collateral in multiple countries.
- Represented borrower in \$20,000,000 credit facility from Export-Import Bank.
- Represented lenders in multi-million dollar commercial construction loans throughout Alabama.
- Represented lenders in multi-million dollar residential subdivision development loans in Baldwin County, Alabama.
- Represented regional retailer in multiple long-term commercial leases and build out agreements throughout the Southeast.
- Represented developer in residential water-front development in Orange Beach, Alabama.
- Represented developer in multi-phase subdivision development in Mobile County, Alabama.
- Represented borrower in \$18,000,000 working capital credit facility.
- Represented borrower in \$5,000,000 credit facility secured by bonded accounts receivable and inventory.
- Represented accounting firm in negotiation of partnership agreement.
- Represented residential housing management firm (400 units) in preparation of Alabama documentation for use in the ordinary course of agency and leasing.

- Represented realty firm in dispute regarding listing and purchase agreement.
- Represented trustee in distribution of trust corpus consisting of real property.
- Represented financial institution in loan to borrower for acquisition and redevelopment of multi-tenant shopping center.
- Represented publicly traded financial institution in defense of wrongful foreclosure and quiet title; defense verdict upheld by Alabama Supreme Court.
- Represented publicly traded financial institution in defense of excess foreclosure claim; defense verdict in arbitration.
- Represented corporate trustee in defense of claims asserted by Medicaid.
- Represented partnership in negotiation and documentation of redemption of partnership interest and post-redemption employment agreement.

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