

John Adolph

Shareholder

Practices: Real Estate Development & Investments; Finance & Lending; Real Estate Finance, Default Resolution & Servicing; Syndicated Finance; Single-Family Rental and Build-For-Rent; Alternate & Renewable Energy
Industries: Financial Services; Investment Management & Private Funds; Real Estate

John Adolph is a finance attorney, representing financial institutions, non-traditional lenders, debt funds, developers, and investors in connection with projects throughout the country, including Texas, Florida, California, New York, and Louisiana.

John has extensive experience in commercial real estate loans for office, retail, healthcare, multi-family, and mixed-use developments, with a significant focus on transactions involving data centers, energy projects, cell towers, fiber optic lines, and manufacturing properties. He also handles credit facilities for various operating businesses, including cash-flow and asset-based financings, and syndicated financing, mezzanine loans, preferred equity, loan-on-loan financing, participations, Intercreditor agreements, and the acquisition and sale of note portfolios.

Additionally, he is skilled in loan workouts, including forbearance agreements, loan assumptions, foreclosures, guarantor litigation and recovery, and all phases of post-foreclosure management.

John draws on a deep understanding of business risk in his representation of startups and emerging and mid-market companies, investors, and entrepreneurs, having served as external general counsel in addition to representing businesses with formations, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, vendor agreements, and technology transactions.

Outside of the office, John enjoys testing the top 50 barbeque restaurants in Texas for quality, bird hunting with his dog Woody, skiing and biking in Colorado, and slowly—but surely—learning to fly fish.

Representative Experience

Finance

- Represented lenders and borrowers in connection with commercial real estate construction and acquisition loans secured by projects throughout the country, including Texas, Florida, California, New York, and Louisiana
- Counseled regional banks in offering working capital lines of credit to numerous operating companies in the industrial, manufacturing, and energy sectors
- Represented lead agent and managed team of attorneys in qualifying pool of 200+ real estate assets for inclusion in borrowing base; properties included telecom, advertising, and alternative energy assets in the United States and Australia



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Education

Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law
 – J.D., 2007
 – *cum laude*
 – *International Law Review*

University of Texas at Austin
 – B.A., Plan II, Government, 2004
 – *highest honors*
 – Phi Beta Kappa

- Represented a federal savings bank as warehouse lender, administrative agent, sole bookrunner, and lead arranger in \$151 million syndicated master repurchase of mortgage assets
- Served as counsel for hotel developer and led negotiation of credit agreement with private equity fund in construction of \$305 million luxury hotel project in downtown Austin, Texas
- Structured preferred equity investments for REIT subsidiaries in hospitality and multi-family construction transactions

Corporate

- Served as external general counsel for construction company during private equity firm's turnaround efforts, negotiating lease renewals, terminations, and contractor settlements as well as assisting with litigation and bankruptcy strategy
- Counseled privately owned transportation firm in acquisition of black-car dispatch and logistics company, addressing issues ranging from intellectual property to mobile apps
- Reorganized commercial real estate company, streamlining organizational structure in connection with mergers of subsidiaries and the family office's estate planning efforts

Workouts and Restructuring

- Represent lenders in connection with the foreclosure of real estate, mineral estates, and personal property
- Work with developers and lenders in resolving troubled real estate development projects, including office, retail, hospitality, and resort properties
- Advise clients in all phases of post-foreclosure property ownership, including execution of leases, management of REO, clearing of clouds on title, and negotiation of conveyance documents

Professional & Community Service

- The Real Estate Council
 - Community Fund Board
 - Associate Leadership Council, Class of 2019
 - Public Policy Committee
- Momentous Institute, Reading Buddy
- Dallas Zoo, Capital Projects and Planning Committee
- Hillside Neighborhood Association, Vice President
- City of Dallas – Fire Code Advisory and Appeals Board
- Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Crayon Club
- Texas Cowboys Alumni Association
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
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- Dallas Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas, Pro Bono College

Awards & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2021-2024

Admissions

- Texas, 2007