

# Kathryn Blackney Oakes

Shareholder

**Practices:** Finance & Banking; Real Estate Development & Investments;  
Syndicated Finance  
**Industries:** Turnaround & Workout

Kathryn Oakes focuses her practice on commercial banking and real estate finance on behalf of financial institutions. She represents lenders and administrative agents in connection with the planning, negotiation, and documentation of syndicated credit facilities, real estate secured loans, equipment loans, and commercial and industrial credit facilities. She has extensive experience with financing the acquisition, development, and construction of commercial real estate projects, including mixed-use, multifamily, office, retail, industrial, parking, and lot development projects. In addition, she deals with distressed loans through loan sale transactions, loan workouts, and foreclosures of distressed real estate. Kathryn works closely with banks of all sizes to efficiently close loans of all sizes and complexities.

## Representative Experience

- Ongoing representation of several national and regional banks in connection with secured financing of commercial properties (mixed-use, multifamily, office, retail, industrial, parking) across the U.S.
- Represented administrative agents on multiple syndicated credit facilities in connection with secured financing of telecommunications and solar assets across the U.S.
- Ongoing representation of administrative agent on multiple syndicated credit facilities for acquisition financing of self-storage facilities across the U.S.
- Represented administrative agent in connection with working capital facilities for manufacturing and production companies
- Represented institutional lenders in connection with construction loans for multi-family projects in Texas, California, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and Florida
- Represented senior mortgage lender in connection with redevelopment financing of mixed-use project located in Houston, Texas with New Market Tax Credits and federal and state historic tax credits
- Represented institutional lender in connection with senior construction financing of mixed-use project located in Dallas, Texas with EB-5 financing
- Represented institutional lender in connection with construction financing of multi-family project in San Antonio, Texas under a ground-lease with mezzanine financing
- Represented senior mortgage lender in connection with redevelopment financing of office into a luxury hotel with condominium regime and federal and state historic tax credits in Dallas, Texas
- Represented institutional lender in connection with construction financing of retail project with pad sites in Brentwood, California
- Represented bank in connection with construction financing of bank's new office headquarters in Houston, Texas
- Represented lender in connection with capital call facilities for private equity funds



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## Education

South Texas College of Law

- J.D., 2008
- *South Texas Law Review*
- Academic Merit Scholarship
- Dean's Merit Scholarship
- Dean's Honor List

University of Houston

- B.B.A., Finance, 2003
- B.B.A., Marketing, 2003
- *summa cum laude*
- University of Houston C.T. Bauer Technology Bursary Award
- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

- Represented institutional lender on workout of portfolio of distressed assets after bank merger
- Represented various lenders in connection with workout of distressed assets, foreclosures, and bankruptcy related matters

## Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- HYL A 2011-12 Leadership Academy, Vice Co-Chair
- HYL A 2012-13 Leadership Academy, Vice Co-Chair
- HYL A 2013-14 Leadership Academy, Co-Chair
- HYL A Achiever-Regular Member Award, October 2011
- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Class of 2011 Fellow
- United Way, Young Leader
- Houston Young Professionals Endeavor

## Awards & Recognition

- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2018
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas*, 2014 & 2017
- Recipient of Winstead's "We Strengthens Me" 2014 award given annually to one associate for outstanding contributions and personal commitment

## Admissions

- Texas, 2008