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James (Jim) Barnett assists clients with complex commercial real estate transactions, including purchase, sale, leasing, and financing transactions involving office, retail, hotel, marina, industrial and multifamily properties. Jim implements comprehensive, business-centric strategies to construct legal solutions and corporate transactions that solve clients' business goals. Jim also assists clients with loan workouts, foreclosures and deeds in lieu transactions and related receivership work. Jim regularly represents private investment funds, individual investors, developers, and banks in connection with a variety of real estate investments.

## Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 1996)
  - Florida Law Review, Member
- Tulane University (B.S., 1993)
  - AB Freeman School of Business

## Bar Admissions

- Florida

## Memberships

- The Florida Bar
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Member
- American Bar Association
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Member
- International Council of Shopping Centers, Member
- Riverside House, a not-for-profit housing organization, Board Member

## Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law, 2024-2026

## Capabilities

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Transactions

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- Represented shopping center developers in connection with grocery-anchored shopping center developments, acquisitions, financing and ground leases
- Represented lender in connection with loan forbearance and modification of \$60 million loan secured by partially completed residential subdivision and adjacent vacant lands
- Represented real estate investment trust in connection with its acquisition and financing of Class A office properties in the southeastern United States
- Represented hotel developer in connection with its development and construction financing of Marriott-branded hotels throughout the United States
- Represented major financial institution in connection with its acquisition, development and ground leasing of bank branch sites throughout southern Florida
- Represented apartment owners and managers in connection with the acquisition, financing, management and sale of apartment complexes throughout Florida
- Represented private equity funds in connection with the purchase of distressed mortgage debt, including due diligence and compliance with auction requirements
- Structured multistate secured financing transactions to minimize Florida documentary stamp and intangible taxes