

# Marla R. Bell

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Marla Bell combines creativity with sound legal judgment to close complex finance transactions involving commercial real estate on a nationwide basis. She has extensive experience with all types of commercial real estate finance structures, whether first mortgage loan, component notes, or mezzanine financing (and including structures involving tenants in common and Delaware Statutory Trusts) and assets (including retail, multifamily, hotel, condominium, office, industrial, mobile home, self-storage and mixed-use projects).

She also assists lenders with financings pursuant to repurchase facilities and secondary market sales and contributing loans to CLOs and CMBS securitizations. She represents lenders with originations of floating rate loans, fixed rate balance sheet loans, CMBS, and C-Pace transactions, as well as asset management. She has advised clients on the development and maintenance of processes, procedures, form loan documents and other loan program issues, including repurchase facilities. Marla understands the business goals and time deadlines of clients and works tirelessly and efficiently to take a proactive approach to help clients meet their objectives.

## Education

- University of Kansas (J.D.)
- University of Texas (B.A.)
  - with high honors

## Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- New York
- Utah

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Sections of Business Law, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law
- Mortgage Bankers Association

## Capabilities

- Delaware Statutory Trusts
- Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate
- Securitization & Structured Finance

- CRE Finance Council

## Recognition

- Recognized among *GlobeSt.*'s 2025 Women of Influence in the CRE Legal Counsel category
- Recognized by Connect CRE among the 2024 Women in Real Estate
- Selected for inclusion in *Utah Business Magazine's* 2024 Legal Elite
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> for Real Estate Law, 2021-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star, 2010

## Matters

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- Represented lender in connection with origination of \$229,515,000 mortgage loan financing secured by office park involving future advances for extensive renovations and assisted with contribution to CLO.
- Represented lender in connection with a \$123,000,000 portfolio loan of multifamily projects including mortgage and mezzanine financing with future advances and assisted with table funding with repurchase facility.
- Represented lender in connection with a \$105,000,000 mortgage financing of an eleven property multifamily portfolio, including affordable housing and low income housing.
- Represented lender in connection with a financing of a ten-property portfolio consisting of retail and mixed-use projects using one mezzanine tranche and two mortgage-level tranches, originated simultaneously, with future funding coming from the mezzanine tranche.
- Represented lender in connection with a financing of a portfolio of self-storage facilities structured with mortgage and mezzanine financings and multiple component notes and assisted with repurchase facility financing.