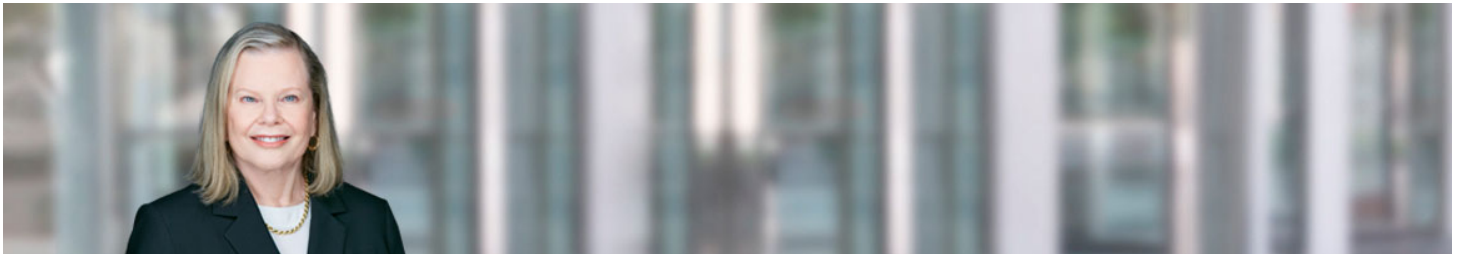


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OVERVIEW

Susan Bennett is a Shareholder in the Real Estate Department and member of the Firm's Board of Directors. Susan has extensive experience in title insurance issues and in advising financial institutions and developers in complex real estate and syndicated real estate loan transactions.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented lead financial institution in the syndicated construction financing of a mixed-use project in Atlanta, Georgia containing a regional shopping center, restaurants, movie theater and high-rise residential units.

Represented financial institution in the sale of a portfolio of more than fifty properties including branches, buildings and operations centers.

Represented lead financial institution in the syndicated construction loan of an apartment project with ground floor retail in downtown Tampa, located in a Planned Development District within a Qualified Opportunity Zone.

Represented financial institution in numerous \$25-30 million construction loans for grocery anchored shopping centers throughout Florida, which include credit tenants, as well as nationally recognized banks, retail stores and restaurants on the outparcels.

Represented financial institution in two \$75-95 million regional shopping centers construction loans, which include credit tenants that are national retail tenants and restaurants.

Represented financial institution in several \$25-30 million term loans for large marquee building office towers in the downtown cores of Chicago, Dallas and Tampa.

Represented financial institution in the syndicated construction loan of an apartment project in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Represented lead lender in a syndicated construction loan for a mixed use project containing a hotel, timeshare units, retail and restaurants in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Represents several financial institutions in the syndicated construction financing of high-rise residential condominium projects throughout Florida.

Represents several financial institutions in connection with construction and permanent financing of regional shopping centers located in Florida, Texas, California, Georgia and Virginia.

Represents several financial institutions in connection with construction and permanent financing of multi-family residential projects.

Represents several financial institutions in the restructuring of financial obligations, including modifications, work-outs, forbearances, disposition and deed-in-lieu transactions.

Represents several financial institutions in connection with construction and permanent financing of retail shopping centers and single-user retail projects.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Society of Real Estate Professionals (SOREP)

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Tampa Bay

Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers (HAWL)

Leadership Tampa Bay 1985

Leadership St. Petersburg 1982

Real Estate Investment Council (REIC)

Meritas, Firm Representative

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), Tampa Bay Chapter

Florida Bankers Association

RECOGNITION

Florida Super Lawyers, 2007, 2011

Florida Real Estate Journal, Top Women in Florida Commercial Real Estate, 2006

CREW (Tampa Bay) Networking Award, 2004

CREW (Tampa Bay) Deal of the Year Award, 2003

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: [The Lifecycle of a Real Estate Deal](#)

CREW Miami Breakfast and CLE || March 2015

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [CREW Tampa Bay Spotlight - Stearns Weaver Miller](#)

CREW Tampa Bay || January 2023

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1979

Law Review

B.A., with honors, Purdue University, 1974

ADMISSIONS

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