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Overview

Dana maintains a national practice focused on sophisticated commercial real estate financings across a broad range of asset classes. She regularly counsels financial institutions, debt funds, and private equity lenders as part of her lending practice but also represents owners and developers locally and nationally with regard to financing their mid- and large-scale commercial and residential development and redevelopment projects.

Dana's practice started in the municipal finance and tax credit financing space, so she has extensive experience navigating lenders through complex transactions with multiple funding sources involving new markets, low income and historic tax credits, subordinate and other alternative financing including PACE financing, affordable and fair housing, and various other economic development incentives. She has advised senior and subordinate lenders and borrowers in acquisition, bridge, construction, and permanent debt financing.

Representative Matters

- Represented a client in the $40 million acquisition of an office building in downtown Chicago, including the negotiation of acquisition and financing documents.
- Represented a global investment firm in the acquisition of a portfolio of three logistics and warehouse properties located in Ohio and Indiana, comprising more than 1.5 million square feet, for more than $135 million.
- Advised Currier Plastics in its investment partnership with Sheridan Capital Partners.

- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately $2 billion.
- Represented The NRP Group LLC in its $7 million purchase of unimproved land in Travis County, Texas, and the subsequent $53 million loan for the construction of a multifamily project on the land.
- Advised a leading international investment and management firm, performing all diligence and related needs for their purchase of loans in default for a total of over $600 million and subsequent foreclosures of more than 70 properties in California.
- Represented private equity client as lender in three separate acquisition and construction loans collectively totaling $47,525,000 secured by multi-family property located in Dallas, Texas, in connection with the firm's representation of that private equity client in the negotiation of and entry into the following joint ventures: (a) negotiation of a preferred equity investment into an upstream issuer, and (b) negotiation of a joint venture to acquire real estate, representing the preferred investment issuer as the capital partner, totaling an additional approximate $18 million.
- Representation of the owner in the refinancing of a hotel in northeast Ohio, with a $16 million CMBS loan.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2003, J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Texas, 1997

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Real Estate Law; Commercial Finance Law, 2022-2027

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Currier Plastics in Investment by Sheridan Capital Partners, Accelerating Growth in Healthcare Manufacturing
  October 3, 2025 | Press Releases

- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Dana Weiss and Barbara Lum Join Benesch
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024
  August 17, 2023 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2023
  August 18, 2022 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2022
  August 19, 2021 | Press Releases
- My Benesch My Team - RES Polyflow
  August 28, 2019 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads
- Landmarks Newsletter | Summer 2019
  August 8, 2019 | Newsletters

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Legal Opinions - Ethics Presentation | Dana B. Weiss
  November 6, 2025 - November 7, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Challenges in Real Estate Within the Era of COVID-19
  September 22, 2020 | Speaking Engagement