

## People



## Steven W. ('Will') Walker

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With experience across all types of cross-border and domestic financing transactions, Will Walker is a skilled lending attorney serving financial institutions, corporate borrowers and private equity groups. On both the borrower and lender side, he represents key players in food and agriculture, entertainment, manufacturing, technology, and other global industries.

Will regularly represents clients in leveraged acquisition financings and other secured financings (both cash flow and asset-based), unsecured credit facilities, unitranche facilities, first lien/second lien facilities, bridge and mezzanine facilities, as well as workouts and restructurings.

### Notable Work

**Construction Loan Facilities:** Represented administrative agent in connection with senior secured revolving, term A and term B construction loan facilities to major cheese producer.

**Secured Credit Facilities:** Represented administrative agent in connection with senior secured credit facilities to finance in part the acquisition by a private equity group of the Australian and New Zealand operations of two major office supply companies.

**Unitranche Credit Facility:** Represented “first out” lenders in connection with senior secured unitranche credit facility to mortgage finance company.

**Food Industry Credit Facilities:** Represented administrative agent in connection with senior secured revolving and reducing revolving credit facilities to major beef producer.

**Asset-Based Lending Transaction:** Represented administrative agent in connection with syndicated credit facility and bankruptcy exit of major poultry producer, which was 2009’s largest U.S. asset-

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### Areas of Experience

Corporate  
M&A and Private Equity  
Corporate Finance and Lending

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### Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2000, Merit Scholarship Award  
M.B.A., Duke University, 2000  
B.A., Wake Forest University, *summa cum laude*, Carswell Scholar, National Merit Scholar

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### Admissions

#### Bars

North Carolina  
Texas

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### Related Content

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based lending transaction, as well as subsequent refinancing thereof.

**International Credit Facility:** Represented bank in connection with settlement of Chinese credit facility by U.S. parent company and related regulatory requirements.

**\$1.3 Billion Credit Facility:** Represented administrative agent in connection with \$1.3 billion senior unsecured revolving, term A-1 and term A-2 credit facilities to milling joint venture formed by three major agricultural companies.

**U.S. and Global Revolving Credit Facilities:** Represented administrative agent in connection with \$1.0 billion senior unsecured U.S. and global revolving credit facilities to leading food and personal care products company

**Senior Secured Credit Facility:** Represented administrative agent in connection with senior secured credit facility to online employment company.

**Multinational Entertainment Company Credit Facility:** Served as lead U.S. counsel to public, multinational entertainment company with respect to its syndicated U.S. credit facility and amendments thereto entered into in connection with various cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

**Petroleum Industry Credit Facility:** Represented administrative agent in connection with senior secured, asset-based credit facility to petroleum distribution company.

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America, 2024*, Listed in North Carolina for Banking and Finance Law
- *Chambers USA, 2011-2015*, Ranked in North Carolina for Banking and Finance