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Naheem Harris focuses his practice on representing domestic and international real estate companies, institutional lenders, real estate investment trusts (REITs), funds, and other real estate investors and operators on a wide range of real estate matters, including bespoke financings (mortgage, mezzanine and preferred equity investments, and both borrower and lender representations), dispositions and acquisitions, development, partnerships and joint ventures (as the operator and as equity), and complex commercial leasing matters. He additionally advises owners and operators in connection with real estate-related operational, organizational, and structural issues across various asset classes, including office, multifamily, single family, build-to-rent, industrial, life sciences, and hospitality.

Notable Work

Acquisitions/Financing - Borrower Representations:

- A national developer in the leasehold/tenant improvement financing secured by the lease of 787 11th Avenue
- A developer in the acquisition of a 280 unit multifamily development in Atlanta, Georgia and the related \$90 million acquisition financing
- A developer in the acquisition of a 400 unit multifamily development in Atlanta, Georgia and the related \$150 million acquisition financing
- A developer in the acquisition of a 262 unit multifamily development in Atlanta, Georgia and the related \$57 million acquisition financing
- A developer in the acquisition of a 268 unit multifamily development in Nashville, Tennessee and the related \$62.1 million acquisition financing
- A developer in the \$45 million refinancing of a loan secured by an office building in San Jose, California

Areas of Experience

Real Estate
Real Estate Financing
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Commercial Leasing and Development

Education

J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2013
B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2008

Admissions

Bars

New York

Related Content

Akerman Sponsors 26th Annual New York State Affordable Housing Conference
May 15, 2025

Akerman Partner Naheem Harris Named Innovator in Commercial Real Estate by *New York Real Estate Journal*
December 02, 2024

Akerman Lawyers Ranked in New York by *Super Lawyers Magazine*
November 04, 2024

- A developer in the acquisition of a 387 unit multifamily development in Miami, Florida and the related \$121.3 million acquisition financing
- A developer in the acquisition of a 639 unit multifamily development in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and the related \$142 million acquisition financing and \$60 million preferred equity investment

Financings - Lender Representations:

- A national bank in the origination of a \$196 million mortgage secured by a first-class office building in West Hollywood, California. Representation also included (i) a post-closing note split into a Note A (for CMBS execution) and Note B, and (ii) the sale of Note B to an institutional lender.
- A special servicer in the workout of a \$75 million mortgage and mezzanine loan secured by a shopping center in Los Angeles, California
- A real estate investment trust in the purchase and financing of a hotel portfolio consisting of fifty (50) branded hotels
- A publicly traded company in the leasing of Class A office space in New York, New York
- A national bank in the origination of (i) a \$427 million mortgage secured by a portfolio of seventeen (17) branded hotels located throughout the country (for CMBS execution as a single asset securitization), which included representing the lender until the closing of the securitization transaction) and (ii) a \$365 million mortgage secured by a portfolio of five (5) branded hotels located throughout the country, which included the defeasance of then-existing debt and the assignment of a note held by a municipality to the lender
- A national bank in the origination of a \$110 million mortgage secured by a partial fee and partial leasehold interest in a first-class mixed use building in San Francisco, California; Representation included the post-closing origination of mezzanine debt in connection with the pay-down of the mortgage debt and the sale of the mezzanine debt to an insurance company
- A national bank in the purchase of a \$15 million mortgage note for CMBS execution secured by a branded hotel located in Nashville, Tennessee

Joint Ventures:

- A publicly traded REIT in its \$370 million contribution of its U.S. distribution and logistics properties to a joint venture with a Canadian pension fund
- A national developer in formation of a joint venture with an Australian pension fund, including the roll-up of a seed portfolio of net leased transportation terminal and logistics properties
- A hedge fund in a joint venture to acquire an \$30 million office park in the suburbs of Miami, Florida
- A hedge fund in a joint venture to develop a 210 unit senior living facility in Central Texas
- A hedge fund in a joint venture to acquire an \$81 million office park in Palm Springs, Florida
- A developer in the sale of a majority interest in entities owning multifamily developments in Nashville, Tennessee and Fort Lauderdale, Florida

- A developer in a joint venture to develop a 400 unit multifamily development in Miami, Florida

Affiliations

- Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), Member

Published Work and Lectures

- Diversity in Commercial Real Estate 2024 Conference, Speaker, “Opportunities and Trends: Navigating the Multifamily Market,” July 25, 2024

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024, Listed in New York as “One to Watch” for Real Estate Law
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2022-2024, Listed in New York as a “Rising Star” for Real Estate
- *New York Real Estate Journal*, 2024, Listed as One of the “Innovators in Commercial Real Estate”