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Mark McElree focuses his practice on real estate transactions, finance, and oil and gas matters. His clients include real estate developers, owners and investors, national and multi-national corporations and money center banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions. Mark also represents owners, producers, and lenders in oil, gas, and other natural resource transactions. Mark’s broad-based real estate development and lending expertise includes representing clients on complex development projects, acquisitions and sales of real estate, sale-leasebacks, syndicated credit facilities, and structurally challenging lending transactions. He also has diverse experience working with clients in the leasing, operation, and management of office, industrial, retail, hotel, and multi-use projects as well as in the development of master planned residential communities.

A tax accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. prior to practicing law, Mark analyzes and structures sophisticated transactions requiring his financial and legal knowledge and experience. He works collaboratively with his clients, always taking into account the impact of an individual transaction on the overall business operations and goals of the client. As a result, he is able to structure the transaction with both current and future business needs in mind. Mark also makes it a priority to thoroughly analyze each transaction and present a structure that eliminates potential issues before they become problematic. This detailed attention and dedicated client service, combined with Mark’s determined but easygoing nature, keeps even the most difficult and time consuming deals on track for success.

Mark has guided clients through extremely complex transactions, such as the development of a 424-unit luxury high rise apartment tower, the first “for rent” construction in Toronto since the institution of rent control in that city, and the closing of a multi-regime note, hotel/condominium/retail construction loan on behalf of a banking syndicate.

Areas of Experience

- Real Estate
- Financial Services
- Energy and Infrastructure
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Distressed Property
- Commercial Leasing and Development
- Multifamily Development and Acquisitions
- Senior Living and Care
- Residential Land Acquisitions and Development
- Real Estate Financing
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
- Healthcare Real Estate
- Qualified Opportunity Zones
- Lease Restructuring and Workouts
- Renewable Energy and Electric Power

Education

- J.D., Baylor Law School, 1988, *Baylor Law Review*, Senior Editor
- B.B.A., Texas A&M University, 1984

Admissions

Bars

- Texas

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- 71 Akerman Real Estate Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Guide*
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- 10 Akerman Dallas Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Guide*
September 09, 2022

Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Member

Published Work and Lectures

- [2019 Akerman U.S. Real Estate Sector Report](#), Contributor

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2023-2024, Listed in Texas for Real Estate Law