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A commercial real estate and transactional attorney with experience spanning a variety of areas, Robert Leapley represents investors, borrowers, developers, financial institutions, and landowners in loan workouts and restructurings, joint venture agreements, historic tax credit transactions, EB-5 related development and redevelopment projects, land use and entitlements, corporate law, and federal, state, and local taxation.

Additionally, Robert represents clients in the acquisition, construction, leasing, development, and operation of residential projects, senior living facilities, office buildings, medical offices, shopping centers, golf courses, resort clubs, hotels, and healthcare facilities. Robert also has experience with green building and sustainable development.

Notable Work

Multifamily Real Estate Transactions: Representing national multifamily owner and operator in connection with loan matters and property acquisitions.

Comprehensive Leasing Experience: Representing regional landlord and tenant clients in connection with office, retail and industrial leasing.

Comprehensive Legal Counsel for Developers: Representing regional and local developers in ground leasing, conveyancing, and economic development agreements with city, county and state governmental entities.

Residential Acquisition and Development: Representing national homebuilder in connection with acquisition and development of unimproved lands, finished lots, and build-to-suit communities.

Residential Development Projects: Representing regional and local developers in connection with master planned communities,

Areas of Experience

Real Estate
Distressed Property
EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program
Economic Development and Incentives
Hospitality
Healthcare Real Estate
Public-Private Partnerships
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Real Estate Financing
Residential Land Acquisitions and Development
Commercial Leasing and Development
Senior Living and Care
Health and Life Sciences
Financial Services
Hospitality Acquisition and Development
Brownfields Redevelopment
Construction
Lease Restructuring and Workouts

Education

LL.M. in Taxation, University of Florida, 2006
J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1989, with honors, *Florida Law Review*, Board Member, American Jurisprudence Book Award
B.A., University of Florida, 1986, with honors

Admissions

Bars

Florida

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September 28, 2023

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property owners' associations, and Special Improvement Districts.

Commercial Real Estate Transactions: Representing regional and local sellers and purchasers in connection with the sales of commercial real estate.

August 22, 2023

Akerman Team Closes Dolphin Aviation Deal
March 07, 2023

Additional Practice Areas

- Real Estate Joint Ventures

Affiliations

- Jacksonville Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member
- Northeast Florida Builders Association, Board Member
- NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association), Northeast Florida Chapter, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2018-2025, Listed in Florida for Real Estate Law
- *Jacksonville Magazine*, 2014, Listed in 904 Magazine's "Top Lawyers" for Land Use & Zoning
- *The Legal 500*, 2010, Recommended in the East Coast for Real Estate