

## People



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Bedford Wilder guides property owners, developers, and lenders in commercial real estate, including the acquisition, sale, leasing, and development of real property. He also counsels financial institutions in negotiating and documenting loan transactions, including real estate, asset-based lending, construction financing, and loan workouts. Lenders rely on his diverse skillset to navigate title insurance and secured transaction matters.

With extensive experience in closing corporate asset transactions, Bedford also helps companies grow and transform their businesses through acquisitions and divestitures. Clients trust Bedford for his practical approach to getting deals closed.

### Notable Work

**Build-to-Suit Commercial Projects:** Ongoing representation of a build-to-suit development group in over 200 transactions involving commercial projects throughout Florida. His representation includes advising on legal matters associated with vacant land acquisition, title insurance, platting, restriction and easement agreements, construction, and project disposition.

**Funeral Services Company Transactions:** Ongoing representation of funeral services companies as lead counsel in various M&A and real estate transactions throughout the United States. His representation includes advising on due diligence, negotiating transaction documents, and all aspects of deal project management.

**Private Equity Direct Financing Facility:** Representation of a cemetery company in closing a private equity direct financing facility, and served as the closing and title agent for the transaction.

**Construction Loan for Retail Center:** Representation of a financial institution in the closing of a \$47 million construction loan related to a large lifestyle retail center project, including loan document negotiation, advising on complex title insurance and leasing issues

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### Areas of Experience

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

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### Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2007  
B.B.A., University of Georgia, Economics, 2003

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### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

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on behalf of the lender, and managing significant underwriting risk due to ongoing construction.

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2018, Listed as a “Rising Star” in Florida for Real Estate

## Affiliations

- Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Member