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Industries

Finance

Regional & Community Banks

Practice Areas

CMBS Lending & Servicing Transactions

Real Estate

Bar Memberships

Kentucky

Doug is an experienced commercial real estate (CRE) finance lawyer focused on representing capital markets lenders across the country. His practice includes representing banks and private credit lenders originating Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS), Commercial Real Estate Collateralized Loan Obligations (CRE CLO) and balance sheet loans secured by all primary asset classes of CRE nationwide. While his practice primarily concentrates on permanent and bridge loan originations and asset management on behalf of lenders, Doug also represents select CRE owners and investors.

Doug serves as Co-Chair of FBT Gibbons' Commercial Real Estate Finance Industry Sub-Team, where he helps lead and coordinate a multidisciplinary team of lawyers with the skills and experience needed to support stakeholders across the CRE markets. In this role, he also drives thought leadership on emerging trends and nuanced issues affecting commercial real estate finance. In addition to his firm leadership, Doug serves on the Editorial Board of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council (CREFC), contributing to the education of industry professionals on current topics and developments shaping the market. He is also a member of FBT Gibbons' CMBS Lending and Servicing and Real Estate Practice Groups.

Known for his collegial style and pragmatism, clients turn to Doug for his precision drafting and ability to navigate complex issues on difficult transactions, always keeping clients' business goals at the forefront.

In law school, Doug interned for the Ohio Innocence Project, working to free individuals wrongly convicted of crimes and was a Senior

Articles Editor for Human Rights Quarterly. Prior to law school, he worked as a residential mortgage loan originator.

Other Info About Doug

Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
Order of the Coif

University of Kentucky, B.S. Psychology, *cum laude*
Honors Program

Recognition

Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®, Real Estate Law, 2021-2024; Tax Law, 2024

Presentations

Presenter, "Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Basics: Understanding the Structure, Terms, and Lifecycle of a CMBS Loan", Strafford, 2025

Presenter, "Interest Rate Protection Agreements: Strategies to Combat Interest Rate Volatility in an Uncertain Market", Strafford, 2024

Panelist, "Finance Panel," Kentucky CCIM Commercial Real Estate Conference. 2023

Moderator, "Introduction to Interest Rate Hedging and Current Trends," Chatham Financial, 2022

Presenter, "Commercial Real Estate Finance Reboot," Kentucky CCIM Commercial Real Estate Conference, 2020

Major Publications

"401(k) Private Asset Freedom Creates CRE Finance Opportunity," CREFC World, 2025

"Rapidly Rising Rates Complicate Existing Floating Rate Loans," Bloomberg, 2023

"Rapidly Rising Rates Complicate Existing Floating Rate Loans," Reuters Legal News, November 20, 2023

Featured Articles

Rapidly Rising Rates Complicate Existing Floating Rate Loans

Bank Failures Lead to Uncertainty in Cash Management Arrangements

Banking Failures Raise Access and Long-Term Regulatory Questions

Failed-Bank Response Team: Borrower and Lender Perspectives

States Focus on Commercial Mortgage Foreclosure Moratoriums

Landlords, Loan Documents and Tenant Bankruptcies: Commercial Real Estate Finance COVID-19 Impact Series

Retail and Shopping Center Landlords: Commercial Real Estate Finance COVID-19 Impact Series

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