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About

Jim Jacobus brings more than two decades of extensive and diverse experience to his real estate finance and capital markets practice. Jim has structured complex and novel financing vehicles and closed complicated and difficult transactions. His real estate financing knowledge, deep understanding of capital markets, and ability to quarterback transactions have played instrumental roles in closing countless deals.

Jim uses his deep industry knowledge to get deals closed and ensure the right results for his clients, which include U.S. and European investment banks, commercial banks, insurance companies, real estate funds, REITS, and other institutional lenders. He tailors his counsel to each client's needs, risk tolerance, and familiarity with complex finance structures to provide information and guidance that is both concise and actionable.

Jim has extensive experience in the origination, securitization, and syndication of commercial mortgage loans, mezzanine loans, construction loans, green energy financing, balance sheet loans, and fixed and floating rate loans. Equally adept at transactions involving established properties and those in transition, Jim has handled the origination of mortgage loans secured by various classes of property, including office, light industrial/warehouse, retail, hotel, casino, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and large pools of leased single-family and multi-family residential properties.

Jim has worked on several multibillion-dollar transactions involving mortgage and corporate-level financings secured by hundreds of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in Opco/Propco structures.

Jim also offers extensive experience with the origination and securitization of mortgage loans secured by healthcare properties structured using master leases and operating leases in Opco/Propco structures.

In addition, Jim worked on a \$2 billion mortgage and mezzanine loan financing of a large transaction involving the public-to-private acquisition of a chain of hotel properties.

Honors

Jim was selected in 2024-2026 for inclusion in the Real Estate Law area as one of *The Best Lawyers*

in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.). A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

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Related Services

Real Estate

Real Estate Finance

Education

Rutgers Law School, J.D., 1999

University of Pittsburgh, B.A., 1988

- summa cum laude

Admissions

New Jersey

Courts

U.S. District Court–District of New Jersey