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Christopher H. Palmer is the firm's managing partner and the chair of the firm's banking department. He represents commercial banks and financial institutions in structuring and negotiating a wide array of financing transactions, and he has broad experience securing loans with commercial retail and office buildings, multi-family apartment properties, and mixed-use facilities. In addition to his transactional commercial lending practice, Chris also regularly advises clients regarding compliance with federal, state, and local banking regulations.

Areas of Concentration:

- Complex structured finance issues
- All areas of lending diligence including reviews of leases, environmental reports (Phase I and II), and property conditions reports
- Drafting Master Loan Purchase Agreements in regard to bulk loan and asset sales
- Loan Recovery, Workout and Restructuring matters involving creditors' rights, lender liability, loan defaults, commercial foreclosure proceedings, and the enforceability of security interests under the loan documents
- Land use issues and environmental due diligence matters involving the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") specializing in local law zoning and planning issues

Practices

- Banking and Financial Services
- Banking and Financial Services Litigation
- Real Estate Purchase and Sales Transactions
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Commercial Foreclosures/ Total Debt Restructuring

- Financial Regulatory and Compliance

Industries

- Financial Institutions
- Real Estate

Bar Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Education

- J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 1994
- B.A., Binghamton University, 1991
- Chaminade High School, 1987

Representative Experience

- Represented Village of Rockville Centre Board of Zoning Appeals as Lead Counsel.

Professional and Community Activities

- CLE lecturer on topics such as, “Representing the Commercial Mortgage Lender” and “Cutting Edge Issues in Real Property Law”
- Presenter for educational seminars for banks on topics such as, “Property and Liability Insurance – What Every Lender Must Know”
- Instructor, St. John’s University School of Law – “Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy” Course
- Committee Member, Judicial Foreclosure Task Force, as formed and organized by New York State Chief Administrative Judge in conjunction with New York Bankers Association (NYBA)
- Member, Mortgage Bankers Association of New York (MBANY)
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Community Bankers’ Mortgage Forum (CBMF)
- Member, New York Bankers Association (NYBA)
- Member, Nassau County Bar Association
- Member, Garden City Real Estate Professionals Foundation, Inc

- Member, Board of Trustees, Catholic Charities – Diocese of Rockville Centre
- Member, Cardinal’s Committee for Charity Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York
- Member, Chaminade High School Parent’s Board, and Golf and Tennis Open Committee
- Co-Chair and Former Honoree, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Golf Committee
- Member, Steering Committee for Chaminade High School Science, Technology and Research Center
- Member, Sacred Heart Academy Golf and Tennis Outing Committee