



## Saara J. Pekale

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Saara J. Pekale is a partner in the firm's Banking and Financial Services department. She represents banks and other lending institutions in commercial real estate finance transactions. Saara's experience includes advising clients in documenting and closing transactions secured by multi-family apartment projects, commercial office buildings, and mixed-use facilities. She has also represented banks in complex multi-state financing transactions.

Saara also has extensive experience in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) lending, and she is certified and designated by the SBA to close SBA 504 loan transactions. Her experience also includes representing purchasers, sellers and institutional lenders in residential real estate matters.

## Practices

- Banking and Financial Services
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Purchase and Sales Transactions

## Industries

- Financial Institutions
- Real Estate

## Bar Admissions

- Florida

- New York

## Education

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1994
- B.A., Duke University, 1991

## Professional and Community Activities

- Committee Chair, Woodmere Bay Yacht Club
- Member, Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Ft. Lauderdale/ Palm Beach
- Member, National Association of Development Companies (NADCO)
- Speaker, South Florida Small Business Lenders Forum
- Member, Duke University NY Alumni Association
- Member, Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre, Youth Education Board
- Volunteer, Bet Tzedek - Holocaust Survivor Ghetto Reparations Project

## Honors and Awards

- *American Law Institute Book Award in Federal Taxation*
- *Edward F. Hennessey Scholar; Recipient*
- *Probate and Family Law Journal, Managing Editor*