

# John David Semones

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### Practices

FOCUS: Real Estate

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

Distressed Debt and Claims Trading

Real Estate Finance and Lending

### Education

JD, Lewis & Clark Law School

MS, University of Florida

BS, Davidson College

### Bar Admissions

North Carolina

### Community Involvements

Mecklenburg County Bar

North Carolina Bar Association

John David Semones concentrates his practice on commercial real estate and financial services matters, with an emphasis on real estate finance transactions and closing new originations for the commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) market. He represents commercial banks, investment banks, financial institutions, private equity funds, developers and other corporate entities in transactions secured by a variety of assets including offices, retail centers, multifamily properties and hotels. John David also advises a number of clients in connection with traditional real estate transactions, including the acquisition, disposition and leasing of properties.

### **Negotiated solutions should be tailored to a client's risk points and interests**

John David works to learn how a client operates and what risks they consistently try to avoid. He helps clients recognize and minimize legal issues that could increase their level of risk, and creates tailored solutions to complex concepts that protect the client and move a transaction to resolution.

John David also has experience representing financial institutions in the negotiation of the Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) documentation framework and the acquisition and disposition of distressed assets related to secondary loan trading markets.

He also has worked on the origination and restructuring of construction, permanent and mezzanine loan transactions.

John David's prior career was outside of law. Those experiences helped craft the mentality that bringing all stakeholders to the table early in the process can result in a faster and more composite outcome for clients.

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## News

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- Associate John David Semones Featured in North Carolina Bar Association Newsletter for *Pro Bono* Work (October 2008)

## Publications

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- LSTA Publishes Revised Documents Effective August 6, 2010 (August 9, 2010)