



# Ava R. Alim

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Ava Alim is a partner in the firm's Real Estate group, advising financial institutions on complex commercial real estate transactions nationwide. Her practice focuses on originating loans for the commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) market and includes a broad range of financial instruments such as securitized financings, mortgages and mezzanine loans. Ava guides clients — including major banks, commercial lenders and institutional investors — through the origination, purchase, sale and disposition of senior and subordinate debt secured by office buildings, hotels, multifamily complexes and other commercial properties.

## A well-originated loan is key to business success

Known for her efficiency and practical, solutions-oriented approach, Ava consistently delivers seamless results aligned with her clients' business goals and timelines. She also represents landlords in commercial leasing matters, offering strategic counsel on lease negotiations and portfolio management. Ava is recognized for her collaborative style and ability to foster strong relationships with all parties involved in a transaction.

Clients value Ava's responsiveness, attention to detail and commitment to achieving their objectives. She is dedicated to ensuring every transaction is well-structured and efficiently executed.

Ava has been recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* for Real Estate Law (2024–2026) and received the Outstanding Pro Bono Service award in October 2022.

## Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
  - Real Estate Law, 2024–2026

## Practices

- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities
- Real Estate

## Education

- JD, Pace Law School
- BA, The William Paterson University of New Jersey

## Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

## Community Involvements

- Mecklenburg County Bar

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## News

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- Katten Announces New Partner Class of 2025 (August 26, 2025)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Recognizes Attorneys for Outstanding Pro Bono Service (October 28, 2022)

## Presentations and Events

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- Katten 2023 Diversity Summit (June 12–14, 2023) | *Presenter* | *Unwritten Rules for Success as a Junior Associate*