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Barbara Christy's practice focuses on commercial real estate transactions. She assists clients in all aspects of the acquisition and disposition of commercial real property, including preparation of contracts, due diligence, review and negotiation of loan documents, examination of title, 1031 exchange issues and closing. Ms. Christy has extensive experience with multi-family and shopping center properties, but has closed virtually every type of commercial property, including undeveloped lots, office buildings and senior living facilities. In connection with these transactions, she has represented borrowers in obtaining a wide variety of financing, including conventional, securitized, mezzanine and Freddie Mac/Fannie Mae loans.

Ms. Christy has negotiated and prepared organizational documents for partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures, special purpose entities, real estate funds and other types of ownership entities.

In addition to her transactional practice, Barbara reviews and prepares commercial leases for both tenants and landlords, assists clients with resolution of title issues and has represented developers in connection with planned unit, condominium and mixed-use communities. Somewhat unusually, Barbara enjoys opinion letter work and often acts as North Carolina counsel for out-of-state borrowers.

Ms. Christy and her family live on a small farm in the Snow Camp community where they raise vegetables, honey bees, fruit trees and grandchildren. She is very involved with Saxapahaw United Methodist Church where she has been the long-time church pianist.

A selection of matters Ms. Christy has managed:

- Acted as local NC counsel for acquisition of industrial portfolio including rendering of NC legal opinion for \$750 million loan.
- Represented client in organization of real estate investment fund and acquisition of apartment properties throughout the United States.
- Represented developer of medical office buildings in several transactions involving ground lease, purchase lease-back and related arrangements. Organized owning entities and closed acquisition funding.

Practice Areas

Commercial Real Estate
Acquisitions, Financing, Sales and
Leasing
1031 Like-Kind Exchanges
LLC's, Partnerships and Joint Ventures

Education

Appalachian State University, B.S.,
magna cum laude, 1980
University of North Carolina, J.D., 1983

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Professional Activities

Past President of the North Carolina State Bar, 2021-2022

President of the North Carolina State Bar, 2020-2021

President-Elect of the North Carolina State Bar, 2019-2020

Vice President of the North Carolina State Bar, 2018-2019

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Lawyer on the Line, Volunteer, 2013-Present

Board Certified Specialist in Real Property Law - Business, Commercial and Industrial Transactions by the North Carolina State Board of Legal Specialization

Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Piedmont Triad CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women)

Community and Civic Activities

Southern Alamance Family Empowerment, Inc., member of the Board of Directors

UNC Law Foundation, Inc., past member of the Board of Directors

Awards and Publications

The Best Lawyers in America, real estate, 2025

North Carolina Super Lawyers, real estate law, 2010-2023

Woodward/White, Inc., The Best Lawyers in America, real estate, 2005-2023

Business North Carolina, Legal Elite, real estate law, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021-2023

Woodward/White, Inc., The Best Lawyers in America, Greensboro Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year", 2015, 2017

Herb Falk Society, Pro Bono Service, Greensboro Bar Association, 2011, 2013, 2015

Named as one of the Leaders in the Law by NC Lawyers Weekly, 2014

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