

Gibson Dunn Adds Real Estate Finance Partner Krystyna Blakeslee in New York

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Gibson Dunn is pleased to announce that Krystyna Blakeslee has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group.

"Krystyna is a brilliant lawyer who has built a formidable lender-side practice representing top-tier financial institutions," said Eric Feuerstein, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Real Estate Practice Group. "She is a generational talent, and her addition to our best-in-class team will enable us to provide even more strength and experience to our leading real estate clients."

"I have seen Gibson Dunn's impressive real estate lawyers in action and I am looking forward to working with and building alongside the extraordinary talent here to scale the success of the Real Estate group," said Krystyna.

Krystyna's arrival continues the firm's strategic transactional growth in New York, adding to recent hires including special situations partner Caith Kushner, M&A partner George Sampas, private equity partner Brian Scrivani, financial services regulatory partner Ro Spaziani, and real estate finance partner Michael Weinberger. The Real Estate Practice Group was recently named the 2024 Chambers USA Real Estate Law Firm of the Year, as well as Vault's 2025 Best Law Firm for Real Estate Law.

About Krystyna Blakeslee

Krystyna is a commercial real estate finance lawyer, with a focus on lender-side representation in every phase of the life cycle of loans secured directly or indirectly by all types of commercial real estate. She has substantial experience in loan origination, loan purchases, loan dispositions (whether through syndication, sales, or securitization), financing/leverage transactions, post-closing loan modifications and loan workouts.

She represents all types of commercial real estate lenders, including commercial banks, life

insurance companies, CMBS lenders, specialty finance companies, debt funds, mortgage REITs and hedge funds. She has substantial experience in wide variety of asset classes, including data centers, office and retail properties, hotels, and assisted living/nursing care and condominium properties. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Krystyna was a partner at a New York law firm. She graduated with high honors in 2009 from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she served as the Managing Editor of *Connecticut Law Review*. Krystyna was previously a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Iraq.

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