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Carolyn Benson is a partner in the Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Practice Group in the firm's Dallas office.

Areas of Practice

Carolyn specializes in real property acquisitions, leasing and sales on a national and local basis. In particular, she:

- represents CMBS trusts, special servicers, SBA lenders/servicers and financial institutions in REO transactions;
- represents clients in the disposition of industrial, retail, office, multi-family, hotel, resort, condominium, c-store, mobile home portfolios, self-storage facilities and mixed-use projects;
- represents clients in single and portfolio dispositions for distressed assets transactions;
- coordinates receiverships of commercial real estate assets leading to control, recovery and liquidation of collateral for the benefit of the noteholders; and
- represents landlords and tenants in lease transactions involving office, research and development, retail and industrial space.

Other Experience

- Investigator, U.S. Investigator Services, 2004-2005

Honors

Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2020

On the Rise, *Texas Lawyer Professional Excellence Awards*, 2019

Top 50 Lawyers, *Texas Diversity Council*, 2018

Articles

Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Law Blog Posts

- "Commercial Real Estate Tips of the Week: Practical Answers from Sheppard Mullin's Coronavirus Task Force", March 16, 2020

- "IRS Change in Application Requirements for Obtaining Employer Identification Number Could Affect Many International Investors In U.S. Real Estate," May 22, 2019

Media Mentions

Movers & Shakers Feature

The Deal, 04.20.2018

Sheppard Mullin Enters Texas Market With Dallas Office

Law360, 04.16.2018

Sheppard Mullin Officially Opens Dallas Office

The Texas Lawbook, 04.16.2018

Sheppard Mullin Launches Dallas Office

Texas Lawyer, 04.16.2018

Memberships

Member, William M. "Mac" Taylor American Inn of Court

Member, Dallas Bar Association

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Practices

Real Estate and Land Use

Commercial Leasing

Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS")

Industries

Hospitality

Multifamily Housing

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University, 2008, *cum laude*

B.A., Aurora University, 2004, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

Texas

U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas