

# Steven M. LaSota

Of Counsel



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As a real estate development attorney and a former general counsel for community and regional banks, Steve LaSota is well-versed in handling a wide variety of commercial transactions. With over 15 years of experience, Steve has handled extensive work in retail financial services and advised developers and lenders on nearly every aspect of commercial and residential real estate development and disposition.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate  
Financial Services and Banking  
Real Estate

#### INDUSTRIES

Banking, Investment & Financial  
Services  
Real Estate

#### EDUCATION

University of Florida Levin College of  
Law

J.D., 2004, *cum laude*, Editor-in-  
Chief, *Journal of Law & Public  
Policy*

University of Florida Warrington  
College of Business  
M.B.A., 2004, Finance

Furman University  
B.A. 1998, English

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida  
Georgia  
North Carolina

## MY PRACTICE

### BUSINESS & CORPORATE

Steve works with businesses in a variety of industries on general corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, complex contract drafting and negotiation, and risk management strategies. His previous experience includes counseling regional and community banks through multi-million dollar mergers, handling corporate governance issues, and launching multiple new lines of business.

### BANKING & FINANCE

A former vice president and general counsel to community and regional banks across the Southeast, Steve is highly experienced in handling complicated financial transactions for both borrowers and lenders. He understands the complicated regulatory framework that informs the financial services industry, and provides risk management and regulatory compliance counsel to clients of all sizes. Steve also represents borrowers and lenders in complex distressed asset workouts and dispositions.

## REAL ESTATE

Steve works with real estate owners, developers, and institutional investors on office, retail, hospitality, and industrial development projects, including acquisitions, development, dispositions, and leases. He drafts and negotiates purchase agreements, lease agreements, financing instruments, and all other related documents.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Director & Board Member, Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Panelist, COVID-19 Legal Webinar Series, North Carolina Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Webinar, April 2020

Brooks Pierce Partners Represented The E.W. Scripps Company in Acquisition of ION Media, January 26, 2021

2020 in Review: A Look Back at Brooks Pierce's COVID-19 Coverage, January 25, 2021

Brooks Pierce Hosts Webinar on Navigating the CARES Act, April 3, 2020

Guide to the COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program and Loan Forgiveness, March 27, 2020

Brooks Pierce Welcomes New Attorney to Greensboro Office, July 9, 2019

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Present in North Carolina Bar Association COVID-19 Webinar Series, April 28, 2020

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Present Webinar on the CARES Act for Durham Tech Small Business Center, April 16, 2020