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Andrew Petersen represents clients in real estate private equity and private debt matters with a focus on UK and European real estate finance and asset finance. His clients include private equity houses, financial institutions, noteholder groups, arrangers, bond issuers, lenders, property investors, alternative capital providers, asset-based lenders, sovereign wealth funds, mezzanine debt funds, and listed property companies. He advises on loan-to-own distressed opportunities, borrowings, new lendings, restructurings such as loan defaults and standstill arrangements, consensual workouts, and enforcements of debt and equity positions.

Working closely with special situations teams in positions involving debt capital market issues, he provides strategic advice to loan servicers, sellers of loans and mortgage-backed securities, investors owning or acquiring stressed or distressed assets, and risk retention issues.

Andrew has spent time in the U.S. and has unique crossover experience acting for investors purchasing, selling, and managing CMBS, B notes and mezzanine loans, and private debt funds making real estate loans, both in the U.S. and Europe.

Andrew has been recognized in *Chambers UK* since 2012 for his experience in real estate finance law.

Representative Experience

- Counseling clients on loan defaults and restructuring of loan positions including standstill and forbearance agreements throughout the UK and continental Europe.
- Counseling clients in restructuring debt and capital market positions throughout the UK and continental Europe.
- Negotiating credit facilities for numerous asset management companies.
- Advising clients with corporate refinance facilities and new bond refinances and restructuring of global companies involving significant Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) jurisdictions.
- Counseling clients on loan originations involving mixed asset classes of hotels, data centers, supermarkets, business parks, and offices.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- *Practical Lending and Security Precedents: K Derivatives*, editor, Sweet & Maxwell, 2021.
- European Enforcement Guide, Alston & Bird, December 2020
- *Commercial Mortgage Loans and CMBS: Developments in the European Market*, 3rd ed., editor, Sweet & Maxwell, 2016.
- *Real Estate Finance: Law, Regulation & Practice*, 2nd ed., editor, LexisNexis Butterworths, November 2014.

- “U.S. Defeasance and Yield Maintenance in Commercial Real Estate Loans—A View from the European Market,” LexisNexis PSL Banking & Finance, April 30, 2014.

Presentations

- “State of Play in Europe: Which Way Could the Funds Flow,” After Work Seminar, CREFC – US, New York, NY, October 20, 2016.
- “APL/LMA Real Estate Finance Evening Seminar – Intercreditors”, September 8, 2016.
- “Brexit: Initial Market Reactions: The Currency Market and The Political View,” audio webcast, CREFC, July 7, 2016.
- “Consequences for Real Estate Businesses of a Brexit – UK Voting to Leave the EU,” Before Work Seminar, CREFC Europe, May 25, 2016.
- “The UK Property Market and the Impact from the Global Economy, Shocks, and Global Events,” The Association for Property Lenders, October 14, 2015.
- “Securing Financing in Today’s Market: A Borrower’s Perspective,” CREFC – Europe Spring Conference 2015, co-chair, London, April 16–17, 2015.
- “Core Markets – UK, Europe, and Global,” Oxford Real Estate Conference, Oxford Real Estate Society, London, March 18, 2015.
- “Is Mezzanine Lending Here to Stay,” CREFC – Europe Autumn Conference 2014, November 7, 2014.
- “Development Finance: The Search for Yield,” moderator, The Association for Property Lenders, London, October 9, 2014.
- “Restructurings 101: What Investors Need to Know,” IMN / AFME Global ABS 2014, Barcelona, June 10–12, 2014.
- “CMBS in Europe, Challenges and Opportunities,” Before Work Seminar, CREFC Europe, March 5, 2014.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Commercial Real Estate Finance Council-Europe, Board of Advisors, director
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn
- Solicitors Regulation Authority, Higher Rights of Audience

Education

- BPP University (QLTT, 2006)
- Somerville College (B.C.L., 1998)
- Inns of Court School of Law (BVC, 1997)
- University of Wales, Swansea (LL.B., 1996)

Admitted to Practice

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Related Services

Finance | Commercial Real Estate Lending | Structured & Warehouse Finance | Commercial Real Estate Master & Special Servicing | Real Estate & REITs | Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability