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Karen Vasko is a senior associate in the Structured & Warehouse Finance Team. She represents issuers, underwriters, placement agents, servicers, sponsors, and investors in mortgage- and asset-backed securitization transactions. Karen also represents commercial and residential mortgage loan lenders and servicers in establishing various warehouse structures, including repurchase facilities.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Karen was a member of the finance practice at two AmLaw 50 firms, where she focused on structured finance and securitization matters. She received her J.D. and M.B.A., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota, and she received her B.S., cum laude, in marketing from Clemson University.

### *Representative Experience*

- Represented one of the nation's largest servicers of commercial mortgage-backed securities in public and private commercial and multifamily mortgage loan securitizations.
- Represented underwriters and placement agents in public mortgage-backed securitization transactions.
- Represented various private equity funds as lenders in subscription credit facilities and warehouse collateralized loan obligation credit facilities.
- Represented sponsors in establishing commercial paper programs and the addition of co-issuers to existing commercial paper programs.
- Negotiated, as finance counsel to the acquirer, the timeshare receivables financing and securitization aspects of an acquisition which resulted in the largest upper upscale and luxury timeshare operator in a stock-based transaction with an equity value of approximately \$1.4 billion.
- Counsel to investment banks and commercial banks in performing and distressed residential and commercial mortgage loan warehouse lending transactions.

### *Education*

- University of Minnesota (J.D.)
- University of Minnesota (M.B.A.)
- Clemson University (B.S.)

### *Admitted to Practice*

- California
- North Carolina

### *Related Services*

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