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Related Services

Corporate & Finance • Commercial Real Estate Lending • Structured & Warehouse Finance • Commercial Real Estate Master & Special Servicing

Based in New York and admitted in England, Wales, Ireland, and Brussels, Tom excels in cross-border structured and warehouse financing. He supports U.S. investment into Europe and the UK and works with European and UK-based entities on U.S. investments.

Tom Dunn focuses on domestic and international structured, warehouse, and real estate finance transactions. He represents investment banks, commercial banks, issuers, debt and equity funds, noteholder groups, and other market participants on a variety of structured transactions (including CMBS, RMBS, CLO, and ABS), loan transactions (including private credit, loan syndications, and senior/mezzanine financings), and warehouse arrangements. Tom has particular expertise tailoring U.S. transactions to facilitate EU and UK investment (and vice versa), including risk retention and regulatory compliance.

Tom has additional experience acting for both sellers and purchasers of whole loans, subordinate debt, and mezzanine loans, as well as acting for third-party loan servicers in their appointments. He has also acted on Shariah-compliant financings, including murabaha and ijara structures.

Tom combines his experience with "real world" experience gained as part of the investment team of the European Real Estate Debt Fund at a leading institutional asset manager, where he focused on private credit whole and mezzanine loan originations across the UK, Western Europe, and the Nordics.

Tom is recognized as a "Key Lawyer" in The Legal 500.

Representative Experience

- Representing clients on whole loan, senior, and mezzanine loan originations involving mixed asset classes including hotels, logistics, industrial supermarkets, business parks, offices, and entertainment.
- Representing clients in the United States and the United Kingdom regarding compliance with the EU and UK Securitisation Regulations, including risk retention and Article 7 reporting.
- Representing clients on a variety of ABS transactions across various asset classes, including car loans, credit cards, company loans, and timeshares.
- Representing third-party loan servicers, including loan agents, security trustees, servicers, and special servicers in relation to their appointments in the UK, United States, and Europe.
- Representing asset managers in negotiating credit facilities and intercreditor arrangements across Europe.
- Representing clients in restructuring debt and capital market positions throughout the UK and continental Europe.

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- Representing clients on loan defaults and restructuring of loan positions, including standstill and enforcement, throughout the UK and continental Europe.
- Representing clients in bond issuances and new bond refinances.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, Legal Consultant
- Law Society of England & Wales
- Law Society of Ireland
- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- University of Law (L.P.C., 2016)
- University of Law (M.Sc., 2016)
- University of Law (GDL, 2015)
- University of Nottingham (B.A. Hons, 2014)

Admitted to Practice

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of the Republic of Ireland
- Brussels Bar (B-list)
- New York (Legal Consultant, Not Admitted)