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OVERVIEW

Benay Lizarazu is a partner in the Finance practice and is resident in the Charlotte office. Benay has extensive experience representing lenders and borrowers in a broad range of corporate middle-market and commercial real estate finance transactions. Her corporate finance experience includes senior, subordinate, second lien, and mezzanine financings for working capital, acquisitions, recapitalizations and other transactions, and capital call lending facilities. She has counseled clients in a wide array of industries, including health care, specialty finance, franchise, manufacturing, and technology. Her experience in the commercial real estate finance area encompasses such matters as mortgage and mezzanine financing, preferred equity and joint venture arrangements with respect to a variety of asset classes, including multifamily, retail, hospitality, and office. She also has significant experience in representing financial institutions and special servicers of commercial mortgage-backed securities in loan restructurings, modifications and workouts.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Benay was a member of the corporate department of a law firm in Miami.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Credit Agreements, January 2017
- Introduction to Commercial Lending and Leveraged Finance Transactions, October 2015
- Inaugural Symposium on Careers in Corporate/Finance Law Panel, Georgetown Law, April 2015

EDUCATION

- J.D., Washington University School of Law, 1998 (*Washington University Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*)
- B.A., Tulane University, 1995 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Florida
- Bar of North Carolina

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 15 June 2020, COVID-19: Federal Reserve Board Expands Terms and Conditions of Main Street Lending Program to Improve Accessibility to Small and Medium-sized Businesses (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 June 2020, COVID-19: Federal Reserve Bank Releases Update on the Main Street Lending Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 April 2020, COVID-19: Analysis of Federal Reserve "Main Street" Liquidity Program (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 9-12 October 2021, National Summit for Middle Market Funds, hosted by the Small Business Investor Alliance (*Event*)
- 8 June 2017, K&L Gates Advises Salem Media Group on Senior Secured Notes Offering and Concurrent Asset-Based Revolver (*Noteworthy Work*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency