



## Melissa Kato

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## OVERVIEW

Melissa Kato is a partner in the firm's Charlotte office.

Melissa represents institutional lenders, investors and financial institutions in a variety of secured and unsecured financial transactions, including CMBS securitizations, loan servicing-related matters, the purchase and sale of servicing rights, loan restructurings and syndicated lending transactions. She has significant experience representing servicers in CMBS transactions, including the negotiation of pooling and servicing agreements prior to securitization and in all areas of asset management thereafter.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- North Carolina Bar Association
- CRE Finance Council
- Mortgage Bankers Association

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, 2005 (*Cum Laude*)
- B.A., University of Michigan, 2002 (*High Distinction*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- Bar of North Carolina

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance

- Debt Capital Markets
- Real Estate Finance
- Securitization and Structured Finance