

Melissa Bandy

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Melissa Bandy advises businesses and individuals on commercial transaction matters including lending, real estate, corporate governance, entity formation and general business.

Practice Areas

Real Estate
Business and Corporate Law
Banking and Finance
Construction Law

Education

University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law,
J.D., high honors - (2011)

Davidson College
B.A. in English - (2006)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas
Texas

Experience

- Represents banks and other financial institutions in documenting and structuring secured and unsecured loans including asset-based financing, working capital revolving credit financing and real estate finance transactions.
- Represents real estate developers, real estate investment trusts (REITs), private equity investors, property managers, construction contractors, and retailers concerning the conveyance, financing, purchase, development and leasing of real property.
- Advises clients in real estate and like-kind Section 1031 exchange transactions.
- Serves as counsel to multifamily property owners in connection with property acquisition financing and management, including Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and HUD financing.
- Counsel to various business entities with respect to the formation, merger, restructuring, acquisition and sale of businesses.

Professional Recognition

- *Chambers USA:* Corporate/Commercial in Arkansas (2024, 2025, 2026)
- *Chambers USA:* Up & Coming Corporate/Commercial in Arkansas (2021-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Real Estate Law (2025-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Banking and Finance Law (2027)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America®* - Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law (2021-2026)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Star:* Business/Corporate (2013, 2017-2021)
- Graduate, Leadership Greater Little Rock Class XXX (2016)
- *Arkansas Business* Twenty in Their Twenties Honoree (2012)

Involvement

- Chair, Mitchell Williams Culture and Belonging Committee
- Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals
- National Association of Licensing and Compliance Professionals
- National Multifamily Housing Council
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers
- Board of Directors, Museum of Discovery (2019-2025)
- Chair (2024-2025)
- Served as Editor-in-Chief, *UA Little Rock Law Review*