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Ms. Blanton is a member of firm's Executive Committee, chair of the Finance Practice Group and a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. She represents financial institutions in various types of residential, retail, and office development projects, in syndicated secured real estate credit facilities, and in the structuring, drafting, and negotiation of workout and forbearance agreements. She also represents investors and institutional clients in complex real estate sales and acquisitions. In addition, Ms. Blanton has significant experience representing landlords and tenants in commercial leasing transactions.

Representative Matters

- Representation of a bank in connection with a \$23,500,000 mortgage loan secured by a nationally branded hotel and a retail center
- Representation of a national bank in connection with a \$14,700,000 construction loan for the improvement of a retail shopping center
- Local counsel representation in connection with financing for the construction of a car dealership in New Jersey
- Representation of a lender in connection with the financing of a chain of five (5) supermarkets serving low-income areas of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- \$19,400,000 Construction Loan for the construction of a fitness center, a bank, and a 43,800 square foot medical office building

- \$30,000,000 Real Estate Secured Working Capital Revolving Line of Credit
- \$65,000,000 Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility for the construction of active adult communities in Pennsylvania
- Representation of purchaser in the acquisition of an approximately 211,000 square foot medical office building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Representation of purchaser in the acquisition and financing of a sound studio, recording company and production company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Community and Pro Bono

- Fleisher Art Memorial, Board Member, Investment and Finance Committees, Chair of New Building Taskforce
- Perkins Center for the Arts, Treasurer of Board, Executive Committee Member
- Support Center for Child Advocates - Child Advocate Attorney
- Forum of Executive Women - Membership Committee
- American Heart Association Go Red for Women Corporate Leadership Team, former member
- Certified by the Miller Center for Public Interest Advocacy for work in Elder Law
- Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Project
- Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program

Education

- Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, J.D., *cum laude*, Delta Theta Phi
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, B.S., B.A., *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2003
- Pennsylvania, 2003

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2004

Professional Affiliations

- University of Pennsylvania, adjunct professor
- American Bar Association, member
- Philadelphia Bar Association, member
- Forum of Executive Women, member

Other Distinctions

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Real Estate Law, 2021-22*
- Selected as one of Pennsylvania's "Lawyers on the Fast Track" by *The Legal Intelligencer*, 2013*
- Recognized by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia as the "Business On Board Volunteer Leader of the Year," 2013
- Honored with the National Association of Women in Business Committee Champion Award, 2016
- Listed in "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars" for real estate, 2010-2018*
- Woolsack Honorary Society, 2003
- The National Association of Women Lawyers Recognition Award, 2003*

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Practices

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- Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Real Estate Lending
- Real Estate Transactions