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Overview

John Funk helps financial institutions, businesses, and real estate stakeholders structure transactions, manage risk, and achieve their strategic objectives.

His practice focuses on commercial lending, real estate, acquisitions, and other business transactions. John has substantial experience representing financial institutions in a wide range of lending matters, including financing related to income-producing properties, real estate development and construction projects, health care facilities and businesses, agricultural operations, asset-based lending, and oil and gas assets. Clients rely on his practical approach to structuring and closing complex transactions while addressing business and legal considerations.

In addition to his lending practice, John regularly represents clients in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, and leasing matters. His broad transactional experience allows him to provide strategic guidance across the full life cycle of a transaction, from initial planning and negotiation through closing and post-closing matters.

John is also a frequent speaker on legal issues affecting business transactions and commercial lending, sharing insights with professional organizations and industry audiences.

Education

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, 1978 (J.D.)
- University of Oklahoma, 1975 (B.B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Oklahoma, 1978

Community Involvement

- Skyline Urban Ministries, Board Member

Distinctions

- *Journal Record*, Leadership in Law Award
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2010-2026
    - Lawyer of the Year, Banking and Finance Law, 2018
- *Martindale Hubbell*, AV Preeminent

Memberships

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section; Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Commercial Real Estate Council

Related Experience

- Represented a bank in a USDA guaranteed loan for construction of a hospital.
- Represented a bank in an acquisition / construction loan for a retail shopping center.
- Served as local counsel for the tax equity investor in a 298-megawatt wind farm project.
- Represented various real estate owners / developers in real estate purchase and sale transactions.
- Represented a bank in a construction loan for a multi-tenant student housing project.
- Represented an individual in negotiations with an oil and gas company and private equity investor regarding employment as CEO and receipt of management incentive units.
- Represented various clients in connection with the sale of mineral interests.
- Advised client and prepared a Tenant in Common Agreement for ownership of an office building among tenants in common.
- Represented a bank in connection with the sale of a real estate loan and assignment of loan documents.
- Represented a bank in connection with a line of credit and mortgage term loan to an affiliated group of assisted living centers in multiple states.
- Assisted a bank client with the termination of a data processing agreement and related deconversion issues.
- Prepared enforceability opinions as local counsel for various borrowers in commercial lending transactions.