

## Barbara R. Christy

### PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Real Estate | Acquisitions, Financing, Sales and Leasing | 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges | LLC's, Partnerships and Joint Ventures

Barbara Christy's practice focuses on commercial real estate transactions. She assists clients in all aspects of the acquisition and disposition of commercial real property, including preparation of contracts, due diligence, review and negotiation of loan documents, examination of title, 1031 exchange issues and closing. Ms. Christy has extensive experience with multi-family and shopping center properties, but has closed virtually every type of commercial property, including undeveloped lots, office buildings and senior living facilities. In connection with these transactions, she has represented borrowers in obtaining a wide variety of financing, including conventional, securitized, mezzanine and Freddie Mac/Fannie Mae loans.

Ms. Christy has negotiated and prepared organizational documents for partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures, special purpose entities, real estate funds and other types of ownership entities.

In addition to her transactional practice, Ms. Christy reviews and prepares commercial leases for both tenants and landlords, assists clients with resolution of title issues and has represented developers in connection with planned unit, condominium and mixed-use communities. Ms. Christy and her family live on a small farm in the Snow Camp community where they raise beef cattle, honey bees and fruit trees. She is very involved with Saxapahaw United Methodist Church where she has been the long-time church pianist.

A selection of matters Ms. Christy has managed:

- Acted as local NC counsel for acquisition of industrial portfolio including rendering of NC legal opinion for \$750 million loan.
- Represented client in organization of real estate investment fund and acquisition of apartment properties throughout the United States.
- Represented developer of medical office buildings in several transactions involving ground lease, purchase lease-back and related arrangements. Organized owning entities and closed acquisition funding.

Barbara was elected State Bar Councilor in 2010 and served as the fourth woman president of the North Carolina State Bar in 2020. Barbara's dedication and commitment to service, in the words from a resolution of appreciation adopted in her honor by the North Carolina State Bar Council sums it up quite well: "During the unique circumstances of her presidential year, President Christy was unerringly kind and supportive of the members of the Council and of the State Bar staff and was the epitome of leadership from a place of quiet strength and of persuasion by force of character and understated diplomacy." These succinct words capture the essence of Barbara's service to the Bar – 12 years of distinguished and dedicated service of the highest order, including service as president of the North Carolina State Bar through the middle of a pandemic like none of us have ever before seen.