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J. Donald Wasil is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts and Bowen LLP, where he is former Co-Chair of the statewide Real Estate Practice Group.

A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, Don is Board Certified in Real Estate Law and has been recognized among the *Best Lawyers in America*® for real estate law since 2008. He is a Florida licensed real estate broker with over 30 years of experience representing lenders, developers, investors and servicers in their complex commercial real estate transactions. Don has represented leading private equity firms and real estate opportunity funds, major financial institutions, and prominent institutional investors and developers in a variety of matters, including:

- Acquisition, financing and sale of complex multi-state portfolios
- Complex real property financing and development
- Non-performing loans, including loan modifications, restructurings, and workouts
- Foreclosures and deeds in lieu of foreclosure
- Ground Leases
- Title insurance

During prior economic downturns, Don developed significant expertise in real estate workouts, foreclosures and creditors' rights work, and has devised and implemented strategies to resolve non-performing loans for many institutional lenders, special servicers and sub-servicers. His experience in structuring and documenting real estate transactions enables him to assess various restructuring and workout alternatives, in order to devise innovative, practical, and cost-effective solutions that are consistent with a client's long term goals.

Practice Areas

Complex Loan Workouts

Public Finance

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Real Estate

Private Funds

Commercial Lending

Industry Focus

Real Estate

Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Real Estate Law
- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, 5.0 out of 5.0](#)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Real Estate, 2012, 2013
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Real Estate Law, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Real Estate, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, Real Estate, 2004

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1980
 - *University of Miami Law Review*
- Florida State University, B.A., Mathematics, 1972

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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- U.S. Supreme Court

Professional and Civic

- American Bar Association
- Dade County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami