

Welcomes Our Newest Addition

Our growth continues with the addition of Shari B. Olefson to our Fort Lauderdale office. She is a shareholder and her practice has focused on real estate and business law since 1989.

She is one of only a handful of lawyers in the state who is a Florida Bar certified real estate attorney, has earned a Master of Law degree in Real Property, Land Development and Finance and is a Florida Supreme Court certified Circuit Civil Court Mediator. Her practice has focused on real estate, business transactions and advising clients to resolve the disputes that sometimes result from transactions and business relationships, including complex business and real estate related mediation, work-outs and foreclosures.

Ms. Olefson's transactional and related conflict resolution background encompasses purchases, sales, refinances, development, construction, finance, foreclosures, asset preservation and loss mitigation, title agency, real estate and mortgage licensing and brokerage, commercial leasing, RESPA compliance, 1031 exchanges, and contracts.

She has worked with all property types including retail, office, industrial, multifamily and custom residential, shopping centers, restaurant, out-parcel, marina, hotel-motel, mixed use and raw land. Ms. Olefson's business background includes all facets of entity selection and formation, joint venture creation, mergers and acquisitions, capitalization and securitization.

She regularly advises a diverse range of clients including individuals, public and private local, national and international lenders, businesses, landlords and tenants, developers, investors, buyers, sellers, and borrowers. Ms. Olefson also represents lending and investment institutions creating loan programs and structuring and restructuring loan portfolios and commercial transactions. Her expertise is likewise sought by lenders, developers and investors in connection with special assets in default resolution, work-out negotiation, mediation and documentation.

Ms. Olefson enjoys long standing relationships with clients throughout Florida, the United States and internationally, attesting to her dependability, technical skill, business acumen and dedication to servicing client needs. She's the author of "Foreclosure Nation: Mortgaging the American Dream" (Prometheus Books, N.Y. April, 2009) as well as numerous formal and informal presentations and writings as well as a frequent speaker and writer for industry organizations and associations.



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