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Scott helps businesses, banks and institutional lenders negotiate, document and close the full range of real estate development, financing, purchase and sale transactions. Scott also represents lenders in complex loan workouts, restructurings, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure transactions and other matters involving distressed assets. In addition, Scott provides legal assistance to owners of and lenders to nursing home and assisted living facilities.

Scott regularly represents clients throughout the United States in projects involving health care facilities, apartment buildings, condominiums, mixed-use developments, hotels, shopping centers and office buildings. He provides counsel on syndicated construction mortgage and mezzanine financing transactions, bond and bond-related credit enhancements, and related forms of real estate financing. To help clients address ongoing legal and business issues and achieve their strategic objectives, Scott also provides effective general legal counsel on day-to-day corporate and tax matters, including business formations, joint ventures, 1031 exchanges as well as purchases, sales and mergers.

Scott previously served as the court-appointed arbitrator in the disposition of claims that were part of the \$500 million settlement relating to allegations of securities violations brought against Prudential Securities.

During law school, Scott served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

Education

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

J.D., 1980, cum laude

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

B.S., 1977, with highest honors

Certified Public Accountant

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Professional Organizations

- Leading Lawyers Network, Creditors' Rights/Commercial Collections Law, Real Estate Law: Commercial and Real Estate Law: Finance, 2003-2016
- Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005-2006, 2008-2009
- *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, AV Preeminent®

Community

Scott supports a variety of philanthropic causes and previously served on the board of the Jewish Vocational Services and the Lymphoma Golf Outing Executive Committee.

Accolades

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Services

Real Estate

Areas of Focus

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Purchases & Sales

Cannabis Law