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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Finance
Real Estate

INDUSTRIES

Hotels
Real Estate

BAR ADMISSIONS

The Florida Bar

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for
the Southern District
of Florida

Real estate and financial businesses rely on Joseph (“Joe”) Bolton’s 30 years of experience to represent them in sophisticated transactions. An attorney who is well-established in the South Florida market, he has used his skills in real estate, transactional and banking law to represent clients since 1976. He is Shutts & Bowen’s firm-wide Managing Partner and a member of the firm’s Executive Committee.

REAL ESTATE

As a real estate specialist who has been certified by The Florida Bar Board since 1991, Mr. Bolton advises clients in a broad range of real estate issues. This includes structuring and negotiating acquisitions, sales, financing and leasing of commercial properties. He works with developers, property owners and real estate brokers, whether they are entering the South Florida market or expanding their operations in the area. Also an expert witness in real estate law, Mr. Bolton appears at trials in state and federal courts.

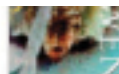
BANKING

His experience in banking and large financing projects has allowed him to work with regional and national clients. This involves asset-based loans, including loans secured by real estate, inventory, equipment, receivables, and securities, as well as multi-state loan transactions. He has worked extensively on workouts of problem commercial loans on behalf of lending institutions.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Bolton has spoken and written about various legal topics, including commercial lending, property liens, real estate titles and title insurance. He also speaks at Florida Bar-approved Continuing Legal Education programs. Recent engagements include:

- “*Ethical Considerations in Commercial Loan Practice*,” presented as a Florida Bar-approved CLE Seminar in conjunction with a seminar underwritten by Lorman Education Services, July 2005.
- “*Commercial Lending Requirements and Loan Documentation in Florida: What To Do When the Commercial Loan Goes Bad and the Unintentional Fiduciary-Avoiding Lender Liability in Commercial Lending*,” presented as a Florida Bar-approved CLE Seminar in conjunction with a seminar underwritten by Lorman Education Service, June 2002.
- Co-Author, “*What Do I Do With My Judgment Now? A Primer on the New Centralized Judgment Lien Law*.” The Florida Bar Journal, November





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- 2001 (Volume LXXV, No. 10).
- “*Lien Potpourri: Real Property Liens; Centralized Filing of Personal Property Liens; Revisions to Mortgage Foreclosures*” presented in conjunction with the 21st Annual Legislative Update and Recent Case Review sponsored by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, July 2001.
- “*What To Do When the Commercial Loan Goes Bad,*” presented as a Florida Bar-approved CLE Seminar in conjunction with a seminar underwritten by Lorman Education Service, March 2001.

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, selected for inclusion, Real Estate, 2010, 2011, 2012
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2006, 2007, 2009 - Real Estate

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1974
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., Economics, 1970

AFFILIATIONS

- American Heart Association, Miami-Dade Community Board
- Honorary Board Member, Baptist Hospital Foundation
- Boy Scouts of America, former Troop Leader

