

Sanford A. Weiner



Biography

Sandy's principal areas of practice are real estate law and finance law. His experience includes sale-leasebacks and other leveraged lease transactions; synthetic lease transactions; project finance; private placements; equity relationships, mezzanine loans, and other hybrid debt-equity transactions; workouts, restructurings, and foreclosures; acquisitions and dispositions; leasing; and finance. He also provides advice on usury and choice-of-law issues in commercial financing transactions.

Representative Experience

- Represented private equity firms as real estate counsel, and as Texas finance counsel, on \$2.5 billion acquisition financing of company that owns 11 power plants in Texas
- Represented an investment vehicle in the purchase of 1,000,000+ square foot downtown office building
- Represented an energy company in leveraged lease of its undivided interests in offshore production platforms
- Represented an international engineering firm in sale and leveraged leasebacks of its regional headquarters building
- Represented office building developer in 500,00+ square foot headquarters lease, governmental incentive programs, and related development activities for downtown office building
- Represented an energy company in a synthetic lease financing of \$500+ million of chemical equipment, including a commercial paper funding program and a back-up liquidity facility
- Represented an energy company in \$750+ million revolving synthetic lease program for construction of power plants
- Represented a life insurance company in the sale and financing (through participating purchase money mortgages) of packages of foreclosed apartment projects
- Represented a life insurance company in the private placement of notes secured by an undivided interest in 48,000 acres of timberland, and the assignment of a take or pay timber purchase agreement
- Represented financial services company in 450,000+ square foot office headquarters lease

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Chambers USA rated
 Sandy among the top
 ten real estate lawyers
 in the U.S.

Practices

Energy Transactions

Real Estate Transactions

Structured Finance

Industries

Energy

Financial Services

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

Education and Professional Background

- Harvard Law School, J.D. with honors, 1971
- University of Texas, B.A. Economics with special honors, 1968 (Phi Beta Kappa)
- Admitted to practice: Texas, 1971

Professional Recognition

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* in real estate law, 2003-2006
- *The Best Lawyers in America* in real estate law, 2003-2007, in corporate, M&A, and securities law, 2003-2006, in banking law, 2006-2007
- *Who's Who in American Law*
- *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*
- *Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers*
- *International Who's Who in Real Estate Law*
- *Who's Who Legal: Texas* in real estate law, 2007
- "Texas Super Lawyer" in real estate transaction law, *Texas Monthly*, 2003-2006
- "Top 100 Houston Region Super Lawyer" and "Top 100 Texas Super Lawyer," *Texas Monthly*, 2003-2006

Activities and Affiliations

- Member: President, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (2003); Anglo-American Real Property Institute; Houston Real Estate Lawyers Council; Texas College of Real Estate Attorneys

Publications and Presentations

- Speaker on continuing legal education seminars on synthetic leases, usury law, choice-of-law, workouts, ground leasing, real estate finance, and development