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Education

**Georgetown University Law
Center (J.D., 2000)**

**Emory University (B.S., Biological
Anthropology, *cum laude*, 1996)**

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, 2002

Maryland, 2000

Sameer Upadhyia represents mortgage lenders in commercial real estate financing transactions under various programs, including loans to be purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, loans made under conventional or portfolio loan programs, construction loans, mezzanine loans and short-term bridge loans.

He appreciates the importance of identifying friction points on transactions early on and works with clients to address deal issues in a practical manner that also protects the interests of the client.

A member of the firm's Board of Directors, Sameer advises clients in structuring commercial real estate investments as preferred equity investments, as well as establishing their own proprietary loan programs from the ground up for both immediate fundings and forward commitments.

Sameer has extensive experience in affordable housing transactions and the issues inherent to such transactions, including 4% and 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) transactions, Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) transactions, properties with multi-layered soft and hard subordinate financing, ground lease transactions, variable and fixed-rate bond/credit enhancements, Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) and other tax abatements, tax increment financing, and historic tax credit master lease transactions. He has also developed significant expertise in structuring transactions to accommodate the requirements of Delaware Statutory Trust borrowers.

In addition to representing his clients in transactional closing matters, Sameer assists with structuring and drafting their loan commitments and providing counsel on loan workout and other servicing and asset management-related issues.

Sameer also represents developers and property owners in commercial real estate acquisitions and financing for both affordable and market-rate projects in the mid-Atlantic region.