



## Rates Stay Steady, Markets Are Steaming - Hot Fun in the Summertime

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### Cadwalader Welcomes Six New Associates to the Real Estate Finance Team



Please join us in welcoming **Michael Capellupo**, **Carter Lawson**, **Chennell Coleman**, **Christina Bai**, **Alexandra Levy** and **Sofia Siciliani** to Cadwalader.

**Michael Capellupo** joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in New York. Michael comes to Cadwalader from a national law firm. His practice is focused on real estate finance, with key experience in mortgage finance, mezzanine finance, construction finance, real estate workouts and restructurings, joint ventures and loan sales. As a former real estate litigator, Michael is keenly situated to protect clients' interests in negotiating loan documents as well as identifying and resolving potential issues that could negatively impact collateral.

Michael has consistently been awarded the annual *Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" distinction in the field of Real Estate since 2019. Michael was also recognized in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* for his achievements in the field of Real Estate Law.

Michael received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his B.B.A. from City University of New York, Queens College.

**Carter Lawson** re-joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in Charlotte. Carter returns to Cadwalader from a boutique law firm. He focuses his practice on commercial real estate finance, primarily representing lenders in the financing of an array of asset classes, including office, retail, hotel, industrial and multi-family housing. Carter has experience with multi-state and multi-property pooled transactions in connection with the origination of mortgage and mezzanine loans as well as the servicing and sale of mortgage loans, participation interests and loan workouts.

Carter received his J.D. from William & Mary Law School, and his B.A. from Washington and Lee University.

**Chennell Coleman** joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in Charlotte. Chennell comes to Cadwalader from a global law firm where she represented financial institutions in connection with the origination of mortgage loans secured by various types of commercial properties, including, office, retail, hotels, industrial and multifamily. Chennell also has experience in the origination of mezzanine loans.

Chennell received her J.D. from University of North Carolina School of Law and her B.A. from University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

**Christina Bai** joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in New York. Christina comes to Cadwalader from a global law firm where she represented institutional lenders in connection with the origination of mortgage loans and letter of credit financing for the pre-development, construction, rehabilitation and permanent phases of multi-family and mixed-use projects.

Christina received her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where she was Editor-In-Chief of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* and her B.A. from Smith College.

**Alexandra Levy** joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in New York. Alexandra comes to Cadwalader from a large law firm based in New Jersey where she represented a broad range of clients in commercial real estate transactions. She has experience working on transactions involving a variety of asset classes, including multifamily, office, industrial, and retail properties.

Alexandra received her J.D. from New York Law School and her B.A. from State University of New York at Albany.

**Sofia Siciliani** joins the Real Estate Finance team as an associate in New York. Sofia received her J.D. from Cornell Law School and her B.S. from Cornell University.

Each of these new team members brings a wealth of knowledge and unique experiences that will strengthen our ability to provide outstanding service to our clients.