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Katherine Amador es socia de Berger Singerman en la oficina de Miami y miembro del equipo multidisciplinar de Derecho Financiero y Tributario. Su práctica profesional se centra en grandes y complejas operaciones inmobiliarias, resoluciones sobre pago de deuda y asuntos relacionados con el desarrollo urbanístico, incluyendo transacciones de compraventa multimillonarias, ejecución hipotecaria comercial, asesoramiento en materia financiera y contenciosa.

Katherine dispone de una sólida experiencia para ejecutar operaciones inmobiliarias complejas de forma eficiente, tanto a nivel particular como empresarial. Ha asesorado a inversionistas y promotores inmobiliarios regionales e internacionales en adquisiciones de propiedad que requieren gran especialización, contratos de compraventa de proyectos inmobiliarios, y asuntos de desarrollo y gestión urbanística, incluyendo terrenos vacíos, edificios residenciales y propiedades de uso comercial. Katherine asesora a entidades de crédito en préstamos comerciales para proyectos de distintos tipos, y también representa y defiende tanto a prestamistas como a prestatarios en negociaciones de convenios de pagos y operaciones de deuda “distressed”, gestionando acuerdos de aplazamiento de deudas, compras y ventas de pagaré, y escrituras de impedimento de procedimiento ejecutivo hipotecario.

En litigación, ha representado a clientes en materias relacionadas con ejecuciones hipotecarias comerciales de montos millonarios, así como en disputas concernientes a contratos de compraventa, préstamos garantizados, acuerdos entre acreedores y títulos de propiedad. Las entidades de crédito han solicitado la asesoría integral de Katherine para hacer cumplir los términos de las reclamaciones aseguradas, como ejecución hipotecaria, intervención y garantías, así como defender las responsabilidades de las entidades de préstamos y las reclamaciones de mala fe.

Siendo el español su lengua materna, muchos clientes de Katherine son inversores internacionales, familias y empresas latinoamericanas interesadas en invertir en Florida y el resto de Estados Unidos, incluyendo la compra de carteras inmobiliarias residenciales y comerciales, y el proceso de investigación jurídica *due diligence*. En este campo, ha gestionado la financiación inmobiliaria y configuración jurídica de los inmuebles, asesorando a sus clientes en la formación de empresas y en la planificación fiscal y patrimonial de la inversión. La práctica jurídica de Katherine también se centra en transacciones transfronterizas, asesorando a clientes en toda América Latina sobre transacciones comerciales y corporativas, así como en materia de cumplimiento normativo. En tal sentido, ha trabajado en estrecha colaboración con renombrados bufetes en más de 15 países en América Central y del Sur, asistiendo a clientes de nuestro Despacho en asuntos jurídicos locales.

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law
B.A., Florida International University

Bar Admissions

Florida

Practice Teams

Business, Finance & Tax

Practice Areas

Real Estate
Family Office
Distressed M&A & Restructuring
Latin America & Caribbean Practice

Foreign Languages

- Spanish

Representative Matters

- Represent Fortune Top 50 client throughout Central and South America in connection with general legal/business compliance issues, FCPA and the adherence to each country's applicable laws pertaining to unfair trade, anti-monopoly, unfair competition, anti-corruption and anti-bribery.
- Represented Arcadia-based Orange-Co LP in the sale of 20,000 acres of citrus land in a \$274 million deal.
- Represent homebuilders of large-scale residential projects in land acquisition and development matters.
- Represent real estate investors and developers in acquisition and sale of real property from small local transactions to multi-state transactions.
- Represented Latin American investors in multi-million dollar hotel and loan acquisition in the U.S.
- Counsel to a subsidiary of a private equity fund in the sale of a hotel and workout with bankrupt borrower in a transaction valued at \$30 million dollars.
- Counsel to private equity funds in connection with Florida real estate matters.
- Negotiate commercial business and real estate loans on behalf of lenders and borrowers, drafting all relevant documents and post-closing agreements, serving as opinion counsel on a broad range of legal issues.
- Acquire distressed real estate on behalf of opportunity funds, including commercial paper pre- and post-foreclosure proceedings, and performing related due diligence, negotiating and drafting all relevant acquisition and closing documents.
- Advise trustees, receivers, and debtors-in-possession in managing and disposition of commercial real estate property.

- Represent lenders in every aspect of commercial real estate foreclosures, including prosecuting expedited foreclosure proceedings, defending lender-liability claims, coordinating FDIC special powers use, foreclosure sales, and post-judgment REO management and disposition.
- Negotiate and prepare commercial and residential leases on behalf of landlords and tenants.
- Represent plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of general commercial litigation matters, including successful constitutional challenge to Florida Condominium Act.

Awards & Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™* rated, 2015
- *South Florida Business Leader, Woman Extraordinaire*, 2011

Community Activities / Associations

- Founder and First Chair of the Women of the Latin Builders Association Committee
- Hard Hats & High Heels, Habitat for Humanity Committee, 2016 - Present
- Cuban American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- American Bar Association

In the News

Diarios las Americas features Kat Amador in "Feroz impacto de la pandemia en sector inmobiliario del sur de Florida"

July 10, 2020

Daily Business Review Features Berger Singerman in "Family Feud, Bankruptcy Filings, Coronavirus Loom Over \$45 Million Palm Restaurant Sale"

March 30, 2020

GlobeSt Interviews Katherine Amador in "Climate Change Concerns Make Surprise Appearance in Florida Survey"

January 8, 2020

Publications

South Florida Business Journal "2021 real estate boom: Why businesses are relocating to Florida"

February 16, 2021

Law360, "Steps For Commercial Real Estate Lenders As Biz Resumes"

June 11, 2020

Law360, "Steps Borrowers In Commercial Real Estate Must Take Now"

May 26, 2020

Daily Business Review, "Déjà vu or Vuja Dé? Coronavirus Set to Disrupt Fla. Commercial Real Estate"

March 31, 2020

Events & Speaking Engagements

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Developing Wynwood & Allapattah", Bisnow's 'Future of Wynwood & Allapattah'
January 27, 2022

Kat Amador, Presenter, "Five Things Lenders and Borrowers Must Do Now," HNBA Region VIII's Virtual Ventanita
March 30, 2020

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Developing Executive Presence," 2020 HNBA/VIA Corporate Counsel Conference & Moot Court Competition
March 19, 2020

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Hustle & Dough: How to Build a Pipeline, Create a Powerful Network, and Dominate Your Market," 2019 HNBA Annual Convention
September 25, 2019

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Real World Strategies for In-House Counsel Managing International Case Loads and their Application to Domestic Matters," Hispanic National Bar Association 8th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference
March 31, 2017

Kat Amador, Moderator, "WLBA's State of the Market Panel," 2016 LBA October Luncheon
October 27, 2016

Kat Amador, Chair, "Making it Rain in 2016," The Women of the Latin Builders Association
January 27, 2016

Doing Business in Florida Blog

CMBS Loan Maturities and Potential Defaults – a Tsunami or a Ripple?
July 6, 2016

Survey Says... Latin America Will Continue to Drive Foreign Investment in South Florida Real Estate in 2016
January 26, 2016