

# Francesco A. De Vito

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Frank is an experienced real estate and finance attorney, serving as counsel to lenders, borrowers, developers, landlords and tenants in a broad range of commercial transactions.

Frank is experienced in all types of financing transactions, including construction and permanent loans, senior and mezzanine financings, multistate portfolio loans, syndicated loans, lines of credit, revolving loans, intercreditor arrangements, securitized loans, loan restructurings, workouts, and foreclosures. He has extensive experience in leasing, acquisitions and dispositions, sale-leaseback transactions, commercial condominiums, and zoning and permitting matters.

He is the Co-Chair of the firm's Real Estate Department. Prior to the combination with Verrill, Frank was the Managing Director at Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster.

## Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D.)
  - Supervising Editor, Uniform Commercial Code Reporter-Digest
- Tufts University (B.A., *cum laude*)

## Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts

## Memberships

- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2019 – present)
- Real Estate Finance Association (REFA)
  - Board of Directors (2013 – 2016)
  - Mentor in REFA Mentor Program (2017 – present)
  - Member (1999 – present)
- Boston Bar Association
  - Executive Committee Member (2020 – 2022)
  - Council (2019 – 2022)

## Services/Industries

- Real Estate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Services
- Telecommunications

- Co-Chair of Real Estate Section (2016 – 2018)
- Co-Chair of Real Estate Finance Committee of Real Estate Section (2006 – 2008)
- Member (1996 – present)
- Member, Abstract Club (2020 – present)
- Member, National Italian American Bar Association (2024 – present)
- Member, Justinian Law Society of Massachusetts (2024 – present)
- Board of Directors, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo (2016 – 2021)
- Member, NAIOP (1999 – present)
- Government Affairs Committee, Greater Boston Real Estate Board (2009-2013)
- Master Plan Steering Committee, Town of Canton (2003 – 2004)
- Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Newton (2000 – 2002)

## Honors

- Named a 2021 “Go To Commercial Real Estate Lawyer” by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® under Real Estate Law in Boston, Massachusetts (2015-2022, 2024)
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers*© for Real Estate: Business (2012-2022, 2024)
- Recognized as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer – Rising Star (2006-2008; 2010; 2011)
- Received AV Preeminent® Rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*

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