

## EDWARD BAKER

### Associate

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Edward Baker is an associate on the firm's Business, Finance & Tax Team and Government and Regulatory Team, specializing in the firm's Real Estate Law and Land Use & Zoning practice, based in Miami. He concentrates his practice on (i) commercial real estate law, providing transactional counsel in commercial real estate matters, including representing developers, operators, lenders, borrowers, landlords and tenants; and (ii) zoning and land use law, representing developers and business owners before municipalities and counties in connection with applications for rezonings, conditional uses, platting and other related matters. Prior to joining Berger Singerman, Edward served as a real estate associate at Adler & Stachenfeld LLP (formerly Duval & Stachenfeld LLP) in New York City, where he serviced a wide roster of clients, from private and public real estate firms, family offices to joint venture groups, and private investors.

Edward attended Loyola University New Orleans where he earned his B.A. in Political Science and received his M.A. in Urban Policy and Administration from Brooklyn College and his J.D. from New York Law School.

### Education

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J.D., New York Law School  
Associate, Center for Real Estate Studies  
M.A. in Urban Policy and Administration, Brooklyn College  
B.A. in Political Science, Loyola University New Orleans

### Bar Admissions

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Florida  
New York

### Practice Teams

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Business, Finance & Tax  
Government and Regulatory

### Practice Areas

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## Foreign Languages

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- Spanish

## Representative Matters

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- Represented BridgeInvest in the negotiation, due diligence underwriting and closing of a \$21 million acquisition and pre-development loan for the former Sears site at the Southland Mall.
- Represented a developer in the negotiation and execution of flagship agreements with an international luxury hotel brand for the development of a 100+ unit luxury condo-hotel in North Carolina.
- Represented a multi-family joint venture in the negotiation and acquisition of a \$10 million five-property assemblage in Aventura from four different sellers to allow for a 223-unit multi-family development.
- Represented a condominium association in the negotiation of a lease for a waterfront restaurant.
- Represented a corporate caterer in the negotiation of various leases for prep kitchens throughout the Northeastern United States.
- Represented an operator in the drafting, negotiation and closing of a sale with seller financing of a historic office building in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Represented a developer in a \$25 million multi-family construction loan with a non-institutional lender to allow for a 132-unit multi-family development in Central Florida.
- Represented an assisted living facility operator in the refinance and subsequent \$25 million sale of two facilities with over 300 beds in Broward County, Florida.
- Represented an institutional lender in various acquisition and recapitalization loans to a mixed-use developer in excess of \$40 million, collectively.
- Represented Prime Group before the City of Homestead and successfully obtained an amendment to a planned unit development to allow for the development of a 7-story extended stay hotel.
- Represented a school operator before the City of Coral Gables and successfully obtained a Conditional Use Permit to establish a private school.

## Awards & Honors

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Ones to Watch" 2024

## Community Activities / Associations

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- Member, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Coral Gables Bar Association
- Member, Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- Young Professionals Council, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

## In the News

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Law360, "When Termination Is An Option For Aging Fla. Condos"  
March 10, 2022

## **Publications**

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Law360 "Condo Termination Considerations For Fla. Developers"  
April 21, 2022

Law360 "Condo Termination Considerations For Fla. Unit Owners"  
March 25, 2022

Law360, "When Termination Is An Option For Aging Fla. Condos"  
March 10, 2022

Lexis Nexis Practice Advisor Journal, "Seven Ways the CARES Act Impacts the Real Estate Industry"  
June 1, 2020

## **Events & Speaking Engagements**

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Edward Baker, Speaker, "From the Ground Up," for ULI: Southeast Florida/Caribbean  
April 6, 2023

## **Doing Business in Florida Blog**

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Client Alert: Florida Law Restricting Foreign Real Estate Investments  
June 1, 2023

## **Prior Affiliations**

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- Duval & Stachenfeld LLP
- Shearman & Sterling LLP
- Silverstein Properties, Inc.