

# Ella Smith

## Associate

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Ella Smith helps developers, investors, and businesses structure, finance and close commercial real estate transactions so they can move their projects forward with confidence.

Ella brings focused attention and collaborative energy to every stage of a commercial real estate matter, working closely with clients to keep transactions on track from due diligence through closing. She advises on the full range of commercial real estate transactions, helping clients navigate the legal and practical complexities that arise in development, acquisition, and land use matters.

Ella is a member of Dorsey & Whitney's Real Estate & Land Use and Development & Infrastructure practice groups.

## Select Experience

- Represented student housing developer in connection the acquisition of four stabilized assets near a major university, which included acquisition financing and joint venture with institutional investor.
- Represented developer in the acquisition and redevelopment of a trophy asset in Chicago, including acquisition, acquisition financing, the negotiation of a joint venture with a co-general partner.
- Ongoing representation of real estate debt funds in connection with mortgage and mezzanine financings, preferred equity and joint venture investments across the nation in various asset classes.
- Ongoing representation of various real estate investment firms and developers in office and industrial leasing for Class A office and industrial complexes in the Phoenix area.

## Education

- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (J.D., 2024)
  - Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A., Spanish, 2017)

## Bar Admissions

- Arizona