

Tony Martello

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Tony structures secured credit facilities, fund finance arrangements, and collateral agency engagements for commercial banks, private equity funds, and corporate borrowers, helping clients navigate complex financing transactions and achieve their business objectives.

Tony Martello advises lenders and borrowers across the full spectrum of commercial finance with a practice centered on getting complex credit transactions structured and funded efficiently. He advises clients on transactions across a range of credit structures and financing arrangements, including commercial banks, private equity funds, and corporate borrowers.

On the lending side, Tony regularly structures secured and unsecured revolving and term loan facilities, asset-based lending arrangements, oil and gas reserve-based lending, and first lien/second lien transactions. He also advises on acquisition financing and collateral agency matters, representing collateral agents in connection with complex syndicated credit facilities and intercreditor arrangements.

Tony has developed a particular focus in fund finance, regularly representing banks that provide subscription line facilities backed by limited partner capital commitments, as well as general partner and management company liquidity facilities. This work sits at the intersection of private fund structures and credit markets, requiring an understanding of both the fund documents and the underlying credit mechanics.

He also represents corporate trust institutions in a variety of agency roles in connection with capital markets transactions, bringing additional institutional finance experience to his lending and banking practice. Tony's experience also extends to oil and gas finance and private equity fund facilities, allowing him to advise clients on transactions where these industries intersect with the credit markets.

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 2021)
– *cum Laude*
- Kent State University (Bachelor of Business Administration, 2018)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Select Experience

- Represented GROWMARK, Inc., one of North America's largest agricultural cooperatives, in connection with a broad range of financing transactions, including a comprehensive amendment and restatement of its syndicated credit facilities and note purchase agreements, a \$100 million Prudential shelf note issuance, and the financing and subsidiary-joinder aspects of GROWMARK's investment in Wabash Valley Resources Holdings LLC. Responsibilities included transaction management, covenant analysis, collateral and guarantor structuring, legal opinions, and coordination among lenders, noteholders, and company stakeholders.
- Represented Aspen Healthcare in a complex financing platform involving a six-facility real estate credit facility and a HUD-related accounts receivable financing with East West Bank. Primary responsibilities included drafting and negotiating loan and ancillary documents, coordinating diligence and closing deliverables across numerous borrower and operating entities, preparing organizational and authority documentation, managing healthcare regulatory and HUD-related workstreams, and serving as a principal coordinator among borrower, lender, HUD, and local counsel teams through closing and post-closing implementation.
- Represent Freedom 3 Capital in a wide range of lower middle-market lending and investment transactions, including senior, second lien, and mezzanine financings, fund-level credit facilities, portfolio company acquisitions, amendments, restructurings, intercreditor arrangements, UCC collateral matters, and secondary transfers. Served as a principal associate responsible for drafting and negotiating credit agreements, note purchase agreements, amendments, joinders, subordination agreements, intercreditor agreements, payoff and release documentation, lender consents, assignment and assumption agreements, and related collateral documents across numerous Freedom 3 portfolio investments and fund vehicle.
- Represented Thornburg Bow River Credit Opportunities Master Fund in a comprehensive restructuring of a sponsor-backed digital marketing and technology company. Drafted and negotiated amendments to senior and junior credit facilities, revised intercreditor and subordination arrangements, structured governance and special committee protections, advised on liquidity and covenant modifications, and coordinated documentation supporting a lender-driven strategic sale and refinancing process. Managed negotiations among lender groups, sponsor representatives, and company counsel through closing.