Paul M. Pruett

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Paul has vast experience structuring and negotiating complex financing for income-producing properties.

OVERVIEW

Paul provides counsel to financial institutions in connection with the structuring, documentation, and negotiation of construction, development, acquisition, and term loans for various income-producing properties. These include office buildings, retail shopping centers, multifamily projects, condominium towers, hotels, mini-storage, medical office buildings, industrial and warehouse facilities, mixed-use projects, and residential lot developments.

Paul's clients include large national and regional banks, and he handles syndicated and unsyndicated transactions involving mezzanine financing, intercreditor arrangements, ground leases, pre-negotiated take-out purchasers, letters of credit, and multi-state property portfolios. He also has extensive experience in loan workouts, restructurings, and foreclosures.

Paul represents purchasers, developers, and sellers of commercial real estate, such as office towers, multifamily, retail, auto dealerships, industrial warehouses, large ranch properties, and timberland. He has significant experience in negotiating leases for commercial landlords and tenants. Paul also counsels borrower clients in secured financing for privately and publicly held companies.

AWARDS

- *Legal 500 United States*: Real Estate: Real Estate Finance (2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Real Estate Law (2018-2027); Banking and Finance Law (2024-2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Finance + Banking
- Financial Services
- Real Estate

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

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- Commercial Real Estate Lending
- Finance + Banking
- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Joint Ventures + Investments
- Real Estate Leasing

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Emeritus member, The Children's Fund, Inc.
- Volunteer coach, soccer and basketball, Spring Branch Memorial Sports Association
- Volunteer coach, soccer, First Baptist Upward League
- Member, Harding University President's Council

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2000
- Università di Siena, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, 2000, semester study, Spring 2000
- Harding University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

LANGUAGES

- Italian