



Sam Chang is the chair of the firm's Hiring Committee and is a partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice Group. He focuses his practice on real estate debt and equity financing, real estate sales and acquisitions, and loan transactions.

In his real estate practice, Sam regularly represents developers, universities, real estate investment firms, institutional equity investors, and health care institutions in all types of commercial real estate transactions, including the acquisition, development, leasing, operation, and financing of multifamily residential complexes, office buildings, student housing projects, senior housing projects, retail centers, industrial facilities, and mixed-use projects. He has considerable experience representing companies in real estate acquisitions and sales all over the United States.

In his lending practice, Sam represents a variety of banking institutions in complex lending transactions. Sam has extensive experience helping lending clients with real estate acquisition financings, construction loans, asset-based and other collateralized financings, loan modifications and refinancings, trustee's sales, loan workouts, and deeds in lieu of foreclosures involving multifamily, office, retail, industrial, and hotel properties.

Education

- J.D., University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, 2006
- B.S., magna cum laude, Marketing, University of Arizona, 2003

Practices

- Real Estate
- Finance and Lending Transactions
- Real Estate Finance and Lending
- Zoning, Planning, and Land Use
- Health Care Regulation and Services
- Acquisition, Development, and Divestiture
- Korea Business

Industries

- Real Estate and Construction
- Banking and Financial Services
- Hotels and Resorts
- Restaurants, Retail, and Hospitality

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Community

- Foundation for Senior Living, Chair of the Board of Directors
- Arizona State Bar, Co-chair, 2016 State Bar Convention
- Scottsdale Leadership, Class XXVI Member
- Bar Leadership Institute, 2009-2010 Class Member
- Arizona Asian American Bar Association, Member
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Member
- The Welcome to America Project, Former Board Member
- Marshall Foundation, Former Board Member
- Tu Nidito, Former Board Member
- Arizona Students' Association, Former Board Member and Lobbyist
- The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Program, Former Volunteer

Representative Matters

- Represented large university with respect to acquisition, development, operations, and leasing in connection with several student housing projects.
- Represented large hospital client with complex real property issues associated with the client's acquisition of a university related hospital network in Tucson, Arizona.
- Represented institutional investor with multimillion-dollar senior housing projects across the United States.
- Represented large nonprofit in all aspects of real estate transactions.
- Represented one of the largest land acquisition companies in North America with its acquisitions and development of numerous projects in Arizona, Texas, and Florida.
- Assisted client in connection with the conversion of its multibillion-dollar real state fund.
- Represented lenders in connection with numerous multimillion-dollar loan transactions.
- Represented national self-storage client in acquisitions and development of facilities across the United States.
- Represented national insurance company in numerous equity financed joint venture transactions in connection with the acquisition, development, operation, and financing of multifamily residential complexes, mixed-use centers, office buildings, and industrial facilities throughout the United States.

- Represented institutional investor in connection with over \$75 million in 1031 exchange transactions.
- Represented the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee in obtaining the required zoning for signage.
- Represented institutional lender in an \$11 million construction loan for a Hilton hotel in Chandler, Arizona, a \$9 million construction loan for a Marriott hotel in Chandler, Arizona, and a \$12 million Residence Inn hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Honors & Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law, 2022
- Southwest Super Lawyers – Real Estate, 2021
- AZ Big Media, “20 Young Business Leaders to Watch,” 2020
- Lawyers of Color, Nation’s Best List, Southwest Region, 2019
- Super Lawyers Southwest, Rising Star, Real Estate, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2013, and 2012
- *Phoenix Business Journal*, “40 Under 40,” 2015
- Martindale-Hubbell, “AV/Preeminent Attorney” rating
- Dean’s Recognition Award, The University of Arizona - James E. Rogers College of Law, Awarded to only two graduating law students each year
- Robert L. Nugent Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, The University of Arizona, Awarded to only two graduating students each year
- Sam Chang Named to Lawyers of Color Nation’s Best 2019 List
Lawyers of Color, 10/7/2019

News

- Lewis Roca Lawyers Named to 2022 *Best Lawyers* List
Honors & Recognitions | 08/19/2021
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as 2021 *Southwest Super Lawyers*® and *Southwest Rising Stars*®
Honors & Recognitions | 04/8/2021
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Lawyer Named to Lawyers of Color 2019 List
Press Release | 10/14/2019
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Lawyers Recognized as 2019 Southwest Super Lawyers® and Southwest Rising Stars®
Honors & Recognitions | 04/15/2019
- Sam Chang Named Chairman of FSL Board of Directors
Press Release | 09/4/2018
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Selects New Chair of Recruiting Committee
Press Release | 07/18/2018

- Freeman Named in Top 25 Arizona Women Lawyers
Annual listings reflect professional achievements for Arizona, New Mexico attorneys
Press Release | 04/11/2017
- DeWald, Freeman Share John P. Frank Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award
59 attorneys earn recognition for providing more than 50 pro bono hours in 2016
Press Release | 04/4/2017
- Arizona, New Mexico Lawyers Selected as Southwest Super Lawyers
Annual listings reflect peer recognition and professional achievement
Press Release | 04/12/2016
- Pro Bono Service Awards Presented by Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie
Annual awards honor memory of lawyer dedicated to equal justice and professionalism
Press Release | 03/22/2016

Publications

- 20 Young Business Leaders to Watch in 2020
Mentioned, AZBIGMEDIA.com, 01/6/2020