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### Services

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- Collateralized Loan Obligation & Structured Products >
- Residential Mortgage Finance >

Laura Swihart, a partner in Dechert's global finance practice and a member of the firm's Policy Committee, focuses on commercial real estate finance and securitization matters. Ms. Swihart regularly represents issuers, underwriters, mortgage loan sellers and subordinate bond buyers in connection with commercial mortgage backed securitization transactions. She has represented joint ventures and entities in connection with the creation of commercial mortgage loan origination platforms, including the negotiation of organizational documents, the creation of internal underwriting and closing processes and the creation of form closing documents.

In addition, Ms. Swihart has represented financial institutions and funds as both seller's and purchaser's counsel in connection with the sale and purchase of whole mortgage loans and mezzanine loans and the creation, sale and purchase of pari passu, junior and senior interests in mortgage loans and mezzanine loans. She represents both borrowers and lenders in connection with commercial mortgage loan warehouse facilities and repurchase facilities. Ms. Swihart has also represented numerous borrowers, lenders, issuers and underwriters in connection with the negotiation of repurchase facilities and securitizations secured by non-performing commercial mortgage loans and REO properties.

Ms. Swihart is recommended in *The Legal 500* (U.S.) 2015 for structured finance and her work within CMBS and was named a "2016 Client Service All-Star" by BTI Consulting Group. In 2017, Ms. Swihart was named among the Women Worth Watching by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*.

## EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut, B.A., 1994, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
- New York University School of Law, J.D., 1997

## ADMISSIONS

- New York

## MEMBERSHIPS

- New York State Bar Association

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **CRE CLOs Versus Other Financing Alternatives** — Presented by CRE Finance Council at CRE CLO 2019, New York, NY (October 10, 2019)
- **CMBS Originators' Panel: Dealing with Risk Retention** — Presented by IMN at SFIG Vegas (February 28, 2017)
- **Industry Leaders Roundtable** — Presented by CRE Finance Council by Dechert LLP, Washington DC (June 6, 2017)
- **B-Piece Hot Topics: What Buyers Care About: A CREFC After-Work Seminar** — Presented by CRE Finance Council with sponsorship by Dechert LLP, New York, NY (June 1, 2016)