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Denise Killebrew concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and capital finance as well as commercial lending and finance.

Ms. Killebrew represents real estate developers in connection with the acquisition, development and financing of real estate, including land use planning and the structuring of alternative financing, capital stacks and joint venture vehicles.

Ms. Killebrew also has years of experience in the development, finance and management of senior housing and in retail development and leasing both for shopping center developers and national retailers. She is the former chair of the Firm's Real Estate/Finance Group and has served as managing shareholder of the Firm's Birmingham office as well as a member of the Firm's board of directors.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Real Estate lawyer in Alabama since 2010
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law since 1999; Land Use and Zoning Law and Securitization and Structured Finance Law (2023 – 2025)
- Listed in *Alabama Super Lawyers* in Real Estate Law (2008 – 2015)
- Named by *B-Metro Magazine's* as one of "Birmingham's Top Women Lawyers" (2016, 2017, 2020, 2022)
- Named by *B-Metro Magazine's* as a "Top Flight Attorney" (2018)
- Named by *Birmingham* magazine as one of "Birmingham's Top Attorneys" in Commercial Real Estate (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)
- Named to the *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" List (2021)
- Associate Member – International Council of Shopping Centers
- Member – American, Virginia and Birmingham Bar Associations
- Member – Alabama State Bar, Virginia State Bar
- Recipient – Women of Distinction Award (2003)

Publications

- Co-author – "Food Deserts - Opportunities to Make a Difference," *Retail Law Strategist* (Fall 2011)

Education

- University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 1985
- Mary Baldwin College, B.A., 1980, cum laude

Admissions

- Alabama, 1993
- Virginia, 1985