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Robert Riva is a partner in Emmet's real estate finance practice.

Practice Focus:

Real Estate Finance.

Robert counsels leading banking and financial institutions in bilateral and multiple-lender mortgage and mezzanine financing transactions – including acquisition, construction and term loan financings for multi-family developments, hotels and resorts, office buildings, and distribution centers – as well as master repurchase, loan warehousing and other leveraged financing transactions.

A committed educator and thought leader with three decades of distinguished experience in real estate law and economics, Robert has worked at the National Academy of Sciences and the Regional Economic Studies Institute and is a frequent speaker and instructor on commercial real estate finance matters.

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago – A.B., Economics

American University – M.A., Political
Economy

Cornell University – J.D.

University of Chicago – M.A., Literary
Studies

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Real Estate Finance

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

New York

New Jersey

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mortgage Bankers Association,
Commercial Lending Working Group –
Member

New York State Bar Association, Real
Estate Finance Committee – Member

New York State Bar Association,
Committee on Continuing Legal
Education – Presidential Appointee
University of Chicago Graham School

Advisory Board – Board Member
American Real Estate and Urban
Economics Association – Member

AWARDS/RANKINGS

Author, “Blockchain Ecosystems for
Commercial Real Estate Finance
Transactions”

Author, “Commercial Real Estate
Finance” Series

Author, “On the Origin of the
Mortgage”

Author, “Labor Mobility: From Fixed
Factor to Open Question in Multifamily
Investment”