



## Robert A. Riva

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 multi-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”