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Shanell Cramer is a partner in Alston & Bird's Finance Group on the Structured & Warehouse Finance Team. She represents investment banks and other financial institutions in a variety of mortgage banking and financing transactions. She focuses on the purchase and sale of residential, commercial, and multifamily mortgage loans and single-family rental properties, as well as structuring and negotiating warehouse lines, various government insured and guaranteed loans, mezzanine loans, preferred equity, real-estate-owned properties, residential securities, tax liens, and student loans.

Shanell counsels clients on a variety of syndicated financing transactions. She also has significant experience with bankruptcy safe harbors.

Shanell was named to *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] for 2018-2023 in the area of Banking and Finance Law.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to numerous investment banks and commercial banks in warehouse lending transactions, syndicated loan facilities and the financing of servicing rights and receivables.
- Representing finance companies and issuers in securitizations and other complex financing of student loans, including FFELP student loans and private student loans and those subject to private guaranty arrangements.
- Represented an investment bank in connection with a \$100 million financing of nonperforming mortgage loans and real estate owned properties in a highly structured transaction earmarked for securitization.
- Represented the administration agent and syndication agent in the reorganization and restructuring of a \$178 million syndicated loan facility.
- Represented an investment fund in the financing of tax liens acquired in various states and local jurisdictions.
- Represented borrowers and lenders in international syndicated loan transactions, including the representation of a Latin American petroleum company in connection with a \$2.5 billion hybrid project finance and credit transaction.
- Counsel to buyers and sellers in merger and acquisition transactions, including the representation of an Australian media company in the stock sale of its New York subsidiary.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

Shanell Cramer Analyzes the Striking Effect of TRID on the Mortgage Market

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- "How Lenders Can Safely Get Back into Second-Lien Originations," National Mortgage News, November 3, 2015.
- Partner Shanell Cramer Discusses Risk and Opportunities in Non-QM Lending in *National Mortgage News*
- "Assessing Risk and Preparing for Opportunities with Non-QMs," *National Mortgage News*, June 23, 2014.
- "Assessing Risk and Preparing for Opportunities with Non-QMs," *National Mortgage News*, June 23, 2014.

Professional & Community Engagement

- New York State Bar Association
- The Women's Advancement Compact

Education

- The George Washington University (J.D., 2001)
- State University of New York at Albany (B.A., 1997)

Admitted to Practice

New York