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Commercial Real Estate
Real Estate Lending & Financing
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Samantha's practice focuses on a wide range of real estate transactions, including financing and leasing, acquisitions, development, and dispositions.

Samantha summered and articled with BLG before returning as an associate.

Experience

- Umios Corporation as lead counsel in its announced acquisition of High Liner Foods Incorporated pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the *Companies Act* (Nova Scotia) in a transaction valued at C$1.3 billion.
- RFA Capital Holdings Inc. in its business combination with Artis Real Estate Investment Trust to form RFA Financial.
- Eastwood Forests in connection with the acquisition of 482,000 acres of timber lands in Thunder Bay, Ontario for an aggregate purchase price of approximately US$80 million.
- RFA Capital in connection with the sale of its Verdun retirement home portfolio consisting of 7 assets in Ontario and Québec for an aggregate purchase price of $200 million.
- Trillium Health Partners in their redevelopment of The Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital by negotiating various easement and lease agreements and providing general real estate advice.
- Affordable housing funding agreements acting on behalf of various municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area with respect to the disbursement of funds to private developers, non-for-profits and other proponents under certain affordable housing fundings programs such as the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), Last Mile Program, Housing Accelerator Fund, and Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative.

- Development charge deferrals acting on behalf of various municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area.
- Toronto Lands Corporation (an affiliate of Toronto District School Board) with respect to various real estate transactions including dispositions, acquisition and new development projects.
- Collingwood General and Marine Hospital with respect to the acquisition of a new site for the development of a new hospital in Collingwood, Ontario.
- Trillium Health Partners with respect to the development of two new long-term care homes (632 beds) at 2180 Speakman Drive, Mississauga. The long-term care homes are operated pursuant to a lease with Partners Community Health.
- Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union and various institutional lenders in real estate financing transactions.
- The Crescent School in Toronto for the purchase of the neighbouring Bob Rumball School for the Deaf. The purchase price was structured to include a leaseback, vendor take-back mortgage, third party financing, the creation of a new affiliated charity, a correction of the legal description of the property, and analysis associated with the potential redevelopment of the property.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Commercial leasing: Ontario Superior Court takes judicial notice of anti-Black racism", BLG Article, February 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Member (Former Director), Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as “Ones to Watch” (Real Estate Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2021

- JD, University of Ottawa, 2020
- B. Comm. (First Class Honours), Queen's University, 2017

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