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Focus

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate
- Real Estate

Experienced transactional lawyer representing clients in complex real estate financings across Southwest Florida. Known for personal touch with large banking clients.

Richard Swift has supported clients in complex loan transactions for over twenty years. A trusted and detail-oriented advisor, he represents large financial institutions, developers, investors, and private clients in real estate concerns involving financings and commercial and residential development across Southwest Florida. His expertise includes large acquisitions, dispositions, and representation in both traditional and asset-based loans. Client collaborations comprise a dynamic mix of property types and investment portfolios, including shopping plazas, apartment complexes, and industrial and storage facilities, among others.

Richard's practice has evolved and expanded over the years in line with client needs and interests. He is a big-picture thinker who works closely with clients throughout each phase of the transaction to help guide and structure deals for optimal outcomes. On the private-client side, Richard provides counsel on the purchase and sale of real estate from contract to closing. He understands that every transaction has its own discrete set of circumstances and is sensitive to the sometimes vulnerable nature of buying or selling residential real estate. In addition to his real estate offerings, Richard has significant experience forming and creating business entities for small businesses and other general corporate matters.

Prior to joining GrayRobinson, Richard owned and operated a law firm in Naples focused on real estate, banking and finance, and corporate law. He works seamlessly with GrayRobinson colleagues in the construction, land use, estate planning, and litigation practice areas to provide comprehensive counsel and connectivity for commercial and residential real estate clients.

Recognition

- *Naples Illustrated,* Top Lawyers, 2019-2021

Affiliations

- Collier County Bar Association
- Lee County Bar Association

Credentials

- J.D., Syracuse University, 1999, *cum laude*
  - *Syracuse Law Review*
- B.A., St. John Fisher College, 1996, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Florida
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida