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Mary Lu Noah is an attorney in the firm's Real Estate, Banking & Finance Service Group. Her practice primarily involves representing borrowers and lenders in financing transactions, including acquisition and construction loans, term loan and revolving credit facilities, asset based secured financings and government guaranteed loans under the SBA 7(a) and 504 programs.

Mary Lu also represents developers, investors and owners in the acquisition, disposition and leasing of real property. She works closely with businesses to ensure compliance with environmental laws, including advising clients on brownfields redevelopment and wetlands mitigation and assisting with the federal and state permitting process.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Real Estate
- Real Estate General Practice
- Conservation Easements
- Environmental, Energy & Sustainability
- Regulatory Counseling, Permitting, Compliance & Enforcement
- Financial Institutions
- Real Estate Development & Finance
- Secured & SBA Lending
- Commercial Finance
- Entertainment Finance & Music Catalog Lending

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- Georgia

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Acts of God, Acts of AI: Is Artificial Intelligence Becoming a Force Majeure Event in Commercial Lending?
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, November 2, 2026
- Bridging the Gap: How Lenders Can Manage SBA Closings When Washington Goes Dark
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, October 13, 2025
- From Cubicles to Check-Ins: Why Office-to-Hotel Conversions Matter for Lenders
  ,with Haley Duncan Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 19, 2025
- Developer Defaults Are Rising—Even Well-Drafted Loans Require Proactive Legal Execution
  ,with Haley Duncan Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 3, 2025
- Stites & Harbison Promotes Mary Lucille Noah to Member
  by staff writer, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, January 5, 2024
- LIBOR Transition: Navigating the World of Synthetic LIBOR
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 21, 2023
- Four Important Environmental Law Changes Since You've Been Home
  ,with William T. Gorton III, W. Blaine Early III, Jennifer J. Cave and W. Patrick Stallard Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 5, 2020
- Sudden Loss of Nationwide Permit 12 Threatens Future of Development Projects; Will Overwhelm the Corps of Engineers
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 5, 2020
- COVID-19: Focus on the Impact on Commercial Leases
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 25, 2020
- Information You Need on the COVID-19 Coronavirus
  Stites & Harbison, PLLC March 2020

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Nashville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Junior League of Nashville, Needs of Nashville Committee

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan Law School J.D., *cum laude* 2016
- Vanderbilt University B.A., Political Science and Women's Studies, Minor in Islamic Studies 2012

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Prior to joining the firm, Mary Lu was an Assistant District Counsel with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District serving as its primary Real Estate and Natural Resource attorney. During law school, she focused on environmental and international law completing internships with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of State, and the United Nations. She served as a student attorney for the University of Michigan Environmental Law Clinic and the University of Michigan Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law (2023-27)
- *Chambers USA, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business,"* Real Estate (2023-25); Banking & Finance (2025-26)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2024-25)