

# Jana Ward

Jana Ward is an Associate in our Real Estate Group. She advises Bahamian and international clients on all aspects of commercial and residential real estate transactions.

Her practice focuses on:

- Representing vendors and purchasers in the sale and acquisition of residential & commercial real estate
- Representing mortgagees and mortgagors in secured financing transactions
- Drafting commercial and residential leases
- Applying for regulatory approvals from the Bahamas Investment Authority and Central Bank of The Bahamas
- Advising property owners on real property tax matters

Recent Work Examples:

- Assisted in representing the Vendor in a \$3.3 million sale of property in Abaco
- Assisted in representing both the Vendor and Purchaser in a \$1.5 million sale and acquisition of a unit at Sterling Commons Hurricane Hole on Paradise Island
- Assisted in representing both the Vendor and Purchaser in the \$975,000 sale and acquisition of a unit at Sterling Commons Hurricane Hole on Paradise Island
- Assisted in representing the Purchasers in the acquisition of a townhouse unit in Turnberry
- Assisted in representing the Purchasers in the acquisition of a property in High Point Estates
- Successfully represented the owner of a property at Baker's Bay in a multimillion dollar appeal to the Department of Inland Revenue
- Assisted in representing mortgagees and mortgagors in various secured financing transactions.

- Assisted with drafting a commercial lease for a hotel in Eleuthera
- Assisted with advising various Homeowners Associations on a wide range of enquiries
- Assisted with advising property owners on real property tax enquiries and appeals

### **Practice Areas**

• Real Estate

# **Background & Qualifications**

Jana studied law at The University of Buckingham, UK where she was awarded her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with First Class Honours in 2020.

She then went on to complete her Bar Practice Course at The University of Law, London Bloomsbury, UK in 2022. She also obtained her Master of Laws (LLM) from The University of Law, London Bloomsbury, UK in 2022.

Jana was called to the Bar of England & Wales at Gray's Inn in July of 2022 and was called to the Bar of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas in November of 2022.

Jana also attended Lyford Cay International School where she received her International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma) in 2016.

#### **Achievements and Awards:**

- Governor General's Youth Award/Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Oxford University Press Prize for Best Performance in the Part I Examinations (The University of Buckingham, UK, 2018)
- Best Performance in Contemporary Issues in Human Rights (The University of Buckingham, UK, 2020)
- A Good Performance in the Part II Examinations (The University of Buckingham, UK, 2020)

## Memberships & Professional Affiliations

- The Bahamas Bar Association
- Bar of England and Wales
- Member of The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

# News & Articles

- Jana was a student editor of Volumes 30 and 31 of the Denning Law Journal
- Jana peer reviewed Volume XIII of the Gray's Inn Student Law Journal