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Areas of Focus

- Real Estate Finance

Andrés represents developers, investors, owners, and lenders in real estate transactions across a broad range of asset classes, including life sciences, senior housing, multi-family, mixed-use, hospitality, and data centers. He serves as lead counsel on joint venture, preferred equity, and purchase and sale agreements, and on ground-up development deals involving development, construction, architect, and CC&R documents.

On the finance side, he advises both lender- and borrower-side clients on mortgage, mezzanine, and construction financing, including agency financing through Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and HUD. He also guides clients through loan workouts and UCC foreclosures. His leasing work includes office and life science leases as well as master leases with owner entities and affordable and homeless housing operators.

Outside his transactional practice, he teaches contract drafting, analysis and negotiation, and strategy and dealmaking as a lecturer in law at the USC Gould School of Law. Andrés co-founded a Los Angeles nonprofit addressing young adult homelessness and hunger, where he serves as board secretary and has guided the organization through entity formation, 501(c)(3) application, and the acquisition and leasing of housing for young adults and re-entry populations.

Honors & Awards

The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Fellow, 2026
Connect CRE, Annual Lawyers in Real Estate Award – California, 2024
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Real Property Section, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2024
University of Southern California, Mentoring Award for Faculty Mentoring Undergraduate Students, 2024
University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, Latinx Law Student Association, Inspirational Alumnus Award, 2024

Professional Affiliations

USC Gould School of Law, Lecturer in Law (2021–present)

USC Real Estate & Business Forum, Planning Committee Member

Mexican American Bar Foundation, Secretary

Stanford Professionals in Real Estate, Board Member and Co-Chair of the Governance and Diversity Committee

Stanford Alumni Association, Board Member

Los Angeles Room & Board, Co-Founder and Board Secretary

Academic Distinctions

Business Law Advisor, Managing Editor
USC Order of Arete
Tipping the Scales, Best and Brightest Award
First Generation Student of the Year
USC Gould Shattuck Award
Dr. Rodolfo Montes Memorial Scholarship

Education

J.D., University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2016)

B.A., Stanford University (2012)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California