

Brian Abbott has more than twenty years of commercial real estate experience; during his career he has invested/acquired and lent/asset-managed investments in a broad range of commercial property types – office, retail, multi-family, hospitality, agriculture, and development land.

Brian currently serves as a Managing Director of Debt Asset Management at Bellwether Asset Management. He leads a team, managing a \$3B portfolio of debt fund investments.

Previously, Brian spent 10 years managing corporate operations of a privately held commercial real estate company in Los Angeles, including portfolio management, property management oversight, leasing, and development aspects of the investment portfolio.

Prior to his work on the equity side, Brian managed Gramercy Capital Corp.'s (NYSE: GKK, GPT) Los Angeles office and was responsible for a portfolio of specially serviced loans and REO assets. The role included: developing and implementing strategies for loan workout, restructure, and/or pursuit of remedies, sourcing and negotiating disposition and joint-venture opportunities, leading the entitlement and development effort at REO land assets, and evaluating other lending and investment opportunities in various real estate finance instruments (including first mortgages, B-pieces, mezzanine financing, preferred equity, and CMBS).

Other professional experiences include: a position as Director of Special Assets for an East Coast-based bridge lender (special servicing, workouts, etc.), a consulting role as a director of corporate real estate operations and development for a Midwestern US-based cannabis company, a consulting role with a regional bank evaluating the internal loan book as well as assets of prospective new bank acquisitions, several assignments for placement of equity in nationwide NNN asset acquisition & financing, and several years in retail and office lease brokerage.

Brian earned a B.A. in Economics from The University of California at Los Angeles and an MBA from the Marshall School of Business at The University of Southern California. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute and is a licensed Real Estate Broker in California.