

# Lauren Raines Joins Bradley's Tampa Office

Lauren G. Raines has joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Tampa office as a partner in the Banking and Financial Services and Real Estate practice groups, the firm announced in a release.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Lauren to our Tampa office," said Bradley Tampa office managing partner R. Craig Mayfield. "By combining her transactional practice in commercial lending with her track record and experience in litigation, Lauren is well positioned to help our clients maximize opportunities for business success in diverse financial and real estate matters. She is a great addition to our firm."

The firm said Raines handles commercial lending transactional matters as well as financial services litigation. Her litigation work has involved commercial and consumer mortgage foreclosure trials for banks and mortgage servicers across Florida. She also has experience handling lender liability claims, usury actions, lien priority claims, fraudulent transfer claims, and violations of federal and Florida consumer protection statutes. In her commercial lending transactional practice, Raines handles construction loans; loans secured by retail centers, industrial facilities and multi-family housing; and asset-based loans. She also handles loan assumptions, defeasances, loan workouts, debt restructurings and forbearances, and she regularly advises clients on Florida documentary stamp tax issues related to complex lending transactions.

Prior to joining Bradley, Raines was a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP.

Raines received her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School

of Law – Yeshiva University and her Master of Laws from New York University School of Law. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts (with honors) from the University of Florida.