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DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT PRACTICE

I am a shareholder in the Woodbridge, New Jersey office of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.. I am a member of the firm's Commercial Real Estate/Redevelopment Team and the firm's Legal Opinions Committee. I represent developers, owners, users and other clients in all aspects of real estate transactions and financing. My practice spans a wide range of commercial, industrial and retail transactions, with an emphasis on land acquisition and disposition, leasing, permanent and construction financing, development approvals, construction contracts and redevelopment. I have niche expertise in environmental remediation as it pertains to real estate transactions.

Significant representations over the past year have included: i) representation of a developer in the redevelopment of a 932-unit multiphase multifamily community that includes development of a 20-acre public park as part of the five-phased massive redevelopment of a former golf club- representation included the drafting of a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements to ensure the continuing need for coordinated operation and maintenance of the common amenities; ii) representation of a redeveloper in the acquisition, development and redevelopment of a major urban 8-acre site which is the location of a historic train terminal; iii) the representation of a private equity firm in its joint venture with a national homebuilding company for the acquisition of a two hundred and fifty-four (254) unit condominium with phased takedowns, separate option and constructions agreements and the land bank and development expansion rights provided therein; and iv) the representation of a prominent non-profit client with respect to its ground lease to a developer with an option to purchase of several properties in a major urban center obtaining construction financing and structuring a sale lease back transaction to take advantage of New Market Tax Credits which will further help finance the facility and promote redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhood.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

J.D., Boston College Law School, 1999

- . National Environmental Moot Court Team.
- . Taught undergraduate course in environmental law at Boston College (1998-1999).

B.S. in International Environmental Studies, Cook College, Rutgers University, 1996, *cum laude*

- . George H. Cook Scholar . Eagleton Institute of Politics Associate.
- . Cook College Student Government.
- . Cook College Recreational Board.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND DATES

Pennsylvania (1999)
New Jersey (2000)
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey (2000)
New York (2009)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A.

Shareholder (2020 — Present)
Counsel (2016 —2020)

DAY PITNEY, LLC

Counsel (2015— 2016)

THE LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER D. HOPKINS, LLC

Managing Partner (2010-2015)

PATTON BOGGS, LLP

Senior Associate (2008-2010)

K. HOVNANIAN COMPANIES

Legal Counsel (2004-2008)

LOWENSTEIN SANDLER, LLP

Associate (2000-2004)

THE HONORABLE IRA E. KRIEZMAN, NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT

Law Clerk (1999-2000)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- . Program organizer and moderator at NJICLE *Advanced Topics in Commercial Leasing* (2024) and speaker on “Green Leasing Issues,” (2024).
- . Speaker on “Complex Sale/Purchase Contract Issues” at “*Real Estate Transactions From A to Z*,” National Business Institute (2023);
Enclosed Written Materials – Structuring Real Estate Purchase Agreements to Avoid Unforeseen Consequences and Litigation.
- . Program organizer and moderator at NJICLE *Advanced Topics in Commercial Leasing* (2023) and speaker on “Challenges Presented to Landlords by Smart Building Technology,” (2023);
Enclosed Written Materials – Challenges for Landlords and Tenants Posed By Smart Building Technology.
- . Program organizer and moderator at NJICLE *Advanced Topics in Commercial Leasing* (2022) and speaker on “Advanced Construction Work Letter Issues,” (2022);

Enclosed Power-point Materials – Construction Concepts For Commercial Lease Work Letters.

- . Moderator and speaker on “Using Tax Benefits of Opportunity Zones to Help Fund Redevelopment Projects in New Jersey” at New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE) *Redevelopment Law Institute Forum* (2019);
Enclosed Written Materials – Finding Good Real Estate Investments in Opportunity Zones
- . Speaker on “Adverse Possession” at Land Laws for Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Conference, Half Moon Education, Inc. (2018);
Enclosed Written Materials – Adverse Possession
- . Speaker on “Structuring Real Estate Purchase Agreements to Avoid Unforeseen Consequences and Litigation” at annual conferences entitled “Real Estate Transactions From A to Z,” National Business Institute (2017-2021);
- . Speaker on “Returning Contaminated Properties to Beneficial Re-Use,” New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers (2010).

PUBLICATIONS

- . Co-contributing author of the leasing chapter of *Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey*, published by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2021).
- . Co-Author: “Finding Good Real Estate Investments in Opportunity Zones” NJ Future Redevelopment Forum (2019);
Copy enclosed.
- . Co-Author: “Recent Developments in Condominium Case Law,” New Jersey Law Journal, October 2, 2015;
Copy enclosed.
- . Co-Author: “Renewable Energy Projects on Contaminated Property: Managing the Risks,” Environmental Claims Journal, Vol. 21 Number 4, Winter 2009;
- . Co-Author: “Developing Green into Green: Strategies for Green Building Success,” New Jersey Law Journal, November 24, 2008;
Copy enclosed. Developing Green into Green
- . “Recent developments further clarify the federal government’s jurisdiction over certain wetlands in New Jersey,” Commerce Magazine, May 2003;
Copy enclosed.
- . Co-Author: “An Insurer’s Obligation To Provide A Quality Defense: An Analysis of Insurer Litigation Guidelines,” Environmental Claims Journal, Vol. 13 Number 4, Summer 2001;

- . Co-Author: “Unsafe Sewage Sludge or Beneficial Biosolids?: Liability, Planning and Management Issues Regarding the Land Application of Sewage Treatment Residuals,” Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review, Vol. 26, Summer, 1999.

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BAR ACTIVITIES

- . New York State Bar Association, Real Property Section
- . New Jersey State Bar Association, Real Property Section

PROFESSIONAL RATINGS

- . *Chambers USA- Real Estate-* Band 3, 2023 — Present

COMMUNITY SERVICE/PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

- . Brand New Day Inc., a Neighborworks Organization (2010-2015)
General Counsel and Board Member for the local non-profit organization involved in the development of affordable housing in Elizabeth, Irvington and East Orange, New Jersey.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- . NAIOP — New Jersey Chapter
Legislative Committee, 2017- Present
Programs Committee, 2017-Present
- . New Jersey Builders Association (2004-Present)
- . New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Program Co-Coordinator (2022-present);
- . Georgetown University Law Center Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute (2018-2023);
- . ACREL Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute (2024).

HONORS

- . *Corporate Partner of the Year for Affordable Housing Services*, Brand New Day, Inc.(2013).

PERSONAL

- . Birthdate: August 17, 1974.
- . Hobbies: Enjoying time with my family, my wife Heather, my daughter Taylor and my two sons Jackson and Logan; golf, travelling; surfing; spearfishing.