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Practices

FOCUS: Real Estate

Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Industries

Construction

Finance and Financial Markets

Education

LLB, Columbia Law School

BS, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Bar Admissions

New York

Community Involvements

Chicago Title Insurance Company, Board of Advisors

Donald Siskind concentrates his practice in real estate law. His strong suit is his ability to combine legal experience with business knowledge and provide his clients with the advantages of both.

Sharing his knowledge and mentoring others

Donald is a past president of both the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the Board of Education of Union Free School District #6 at Scarsdale, New York. He is also a past chairman of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute.

Donald has been a participant in, or chairman of, numerous real estate seminars and conferences. He lectured frequently at the Wharton School of Business Real Estate Center and was a member of the Center's Advisory Board and its Executive Committee. He was also a lecturer in law at Columbia University Law School and taught a seminar in advanced real estate transactions for several years. He has written numerous articles and edited various monographs on the legal aspects of real estate and property investments.

Representative Experience

- Representation in the 1987 sale of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited. Together with the separate sale of the US urban and industrial property divisions, this was the largest real estate transaction ever consummated at that time.
- Representation in the formation of the Houston Center joint venture between Cadillac Fairview and Texas Eastern Corporation, covering 33 blocks in downtown Houston.
- Counsel in the submission of North Shore Towers to cooperative organization, one of the largest co-op conversions ever.

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- Counsel in a lease with an option to purchase a corporation's Madison Avenue headquarters by Sony Corporation.
- Counsel in the purchase of the Madison Avenue IBM World Headquarters in New York.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Real Estate Law, 1983–2022
- *The International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers*
 - 2014
- Super Lawyers
 - New York, 2006–2013
- *Who's Who Legal*
 - Real Estate, 2017

News

- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)

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- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Seventeen Katten Attorneys Named to 2013 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* List (September 18, 2013)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- Three Katten Attorneys to Be Honored as Preeminent Lawyers in US (March 9, 2009)
- 50 Katten Attorneys Named to 2009 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (September 23, 2008)
- 46 Katten Attorneys Named to 2008 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (October 31, 2007)