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Areas of Focus

Real Estate Transactions

COVID-19

Real Estate and Hospitality

Corporate

Hedge, Investment, and
Private Equity Funds



Overview

Clients seek Donald Resnick's counsel on real estate transactions, financing, leasing, development, and construction and corporate real estate needs. With significant experience in real estate-related loan and equity restructuring and workouts, Donald focuses his practice on national and local commercial real estate. He is Co-Chair of the firm's Real Estate Transactions Practice.

Donald is considered among the leading real estate lawyers in the United States. He is frequently recognized by *Chambers*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and other leading publications, for his deep experience in commercial real estate litigation, transactions, and finance law. He is also AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability.

Donald provides seminars and writes articles on various real estate issues including complex like-kind exchanges, real estate workouts, loan and equity restructures, dual agency for brokers, and real estate contract negotiations. He is a member of the Chicago Central Area Committee, a group of civic leaders dedicated to the economic development of Chicago's downtown community. He was a guest lecturer for the real estate program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and is a past member of the firm's Policy and Management Committees.

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Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1975

Education

- Harvard Law School, JD
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BS, high honors; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1975

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2022, 2024, 2026: Litigation-Real Estate, Real Estate Law; Best Lawyers for Real Estate and Real Estate Litigation, 2018
- *Chambers USA*, Real Estate (Illinois), 2004-2025
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Real Estate Transactions, 2005-2019
- *Lawdragon Magazine*, 3000 Leading Lawyers in America, 2010; 500 "Leading Dealmakers", 2007
- Leading Lawyers Network: Leading Lawyer in Illinois, 2025; Real Estate Law: Commercial, 2003-2022; Real Estate Law: Finance, 2003-2022; Top 100 Real Estate-related Lawyers in Illinois, 2009-2016; Top 10 Leading Real Estate Lawyers in Illinois, 2015-2020
- *Legal 500*, Real Estate and Construction: Real Estate: Central, 2010; Real Estate and Construction: Illinois, 2009; Illinois: Transactions and Finance, 2008

Community

- buildOn, Member, Chicago Regional Board
- Chicago Central Area Committee, Executive Committee

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Section on Real Property (former member)