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Donald represents various clients in the development of various types of projects on a national, regional and local marketplace. Based on his 40 years of experience in private legal practice, he has represented clients in a broad spectrum of development transactions, including offices, retail, multi-family and mixed-use projects. Donald has also counseled local, regional and national financial institutions and banks in real estate financing, acquisition and construction projects.

Donald represents developers, investors, and owners in a wide array of real estate related projects, land use permitting, site acquisition and development, negotiation of acquisition agreements, easement agreements and development agreements. He has represented various housing development agencies in affordable housing developments, including HOPE VI Projects. Donald has also represented the Redevelopment Agencies in acquiring real estate and development for large scale projects in the state.

In addition to individual lenders and developers, Donald also represents various corporations in connection with their real estate needs throughout the country. Based on his 40 years of experience, Donald has extensive experience in representing lenders, as well as borrowers, in restructuring workouts with respect to the disposition of various assets.

Based on his strong relationship with clients over an extended period of time, Donald has represented some of the largest developers in the State of Connecticut on some of the major projects. Donald serves as an advisor and general counsel to his clients in connection with the structuring of their entities, their acquisitions and joint venture agreements.

Distinctions

- AV Preeminent® Rated, Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in Chambers USA: Real Estate (2010-2025)

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association Real Estate Section and Commercial Law Section
- Real Estate Finance Association and Past President
- American Bar Association
- Stamford/Norwalk Regional Association

Community Involvement

- Aid for Retarded Children ARI Stamford - Board of Directors
- Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Members of City of Norwalk Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee for the Waypointe Development

Credentials

Education

- John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1979,
high distinction
- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, B.A., 1975, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 1979