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Stephen P. Epstein is the Chair of the firm's Real Estate Practice Group. He is a highly experienced transactional lawyer whose practice includes property acquisition, disposition and financing of hotels, office buildings, residential multifamily buildings, shopping centers and vacant land, and the representation of developers in connection with transaction structuring and financing. He is also experienced in all issues relating to condominium and cooperative housing.

A substantial portion of Stephen's practice is dedicated to ground lease transactions, representing both ground lessors and ground lessees, primarily in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, for hotel, residential, and charter school purposes. Those transactions have included negotiation and documentation of ground leases, related financing, and the sale/assignment of ground lessees' interests in such ground leases.

Prior to joining Jaspan Schlesinger LLP, Stephen was senior vice president and general counsel of Imperial Properties, Inc., a real estate developer. He was also one of the founding members of a New York City law firm that specialized in representing organized tenant groups in buildings undergoing cooperative conversion and real estate litigation.

Education

Brooklyn Law School

Brooklyn College

Recent Experience

Represented seller in divestiture of a vineyard on Long Island involving the second largest land deal in the history of Suffolk county.

Regularly represents clients as ground lessors and ground lessees for premises to be improved for retail/hotel developments in Midtown Manhattan.

Advised client as ground lessee of 88,000 square foot mixed-use development in Long Island City, Queens.

Represented client as ground lessee for 50,000-square-foot ground up retail development in Rego Park, Queens.

Negotiated on behalf of clients in the disposition of many single tenanted triple net lease properties.

Admissions

New York

U.S.D.C., Eastern District of New York

U.S.D.C., Southern District of New York

Affiliations & Appointments

New York State Bar Association, Member

Speaking Engagements

The New York Law Journal, Seminar Program Chair and Guest Lecturer

New York County Trial Lawyers Association, Seminar Program Chair and Guest Lecturer

New York State Bar Association, Seminar Program Chair and Guest Lecturer

Brooklyn Bar Association, Seminar Program Chair and Guest Lecturer

First American Title Insurance Company, Seminar Program Chair and Guest Lecturer