

BARACK FERRAZZANO

Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP

Dennis A. Ferrazzano

Partner

Dennis is a senior partner and a founder of Barack Ferrazzano. He concentrates his practice on commercial real estate and corporate, securities and business planning matters. Dennis has extensive experience in the acquisition, development, leasing and disposition of office buildings, shopping centers and other retail locations, multi-family housing, industrial buildings and mixed used facilities, as well as real estate financings, restructurings and work-outs.

Dennis has numerous recognitions for his real estate practice and is annually among the top-ranked lawyers in the state of Illinois. Most recently, Chambers USA 2011 named him #6 on their list of top real estate attorneys in Illinois for his thorough understanding of real estate law "technically, intellectually and in his gut." International clients enthuse that "he grasps the subtle but often crucial cultural differences in ways of doing business." He was also selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Representative Clients

- LVMH
- Groupe Arnault
- Fendi
- Christian Dior
- Louis Vuitton

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- LVMH Tower

Represented LVMH in the acquisition of parcel on 57th Street in New York City and the construction of the LVMH Tower, the North American headquarters of LVMH and affiliated brands and the North American flagship store of Christian Dior

- Louis Vuitton Fifth Avenue Flagship Store

Represented Louis Vuitton in the acquisition of Fifth Avenue parcel in New York and the construction of North American flagship store and office building



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Practices

- Real Estate
- Corporate and Securities

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1971
- Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1968

Bar & Court Admissions

- State of Illinois
- State of Wisconsin
- District of Columbia

- Fendi Fifth Avenue Flagship Store

Represented Fendi in leasing and development of North American flagship store and office building location on Fifth Avenue in New York, NY

- Groupe Arnault Real Estate Counsel

Represented Groupe Arnault in the acquisition, development and disposition of various properties in North America

- Miami Design District

Represented L Real Estate Advisors in the acquisition of a partnership interest in the Design District in Miami, Florida

- LVMH Real Estate Counsel

Primary real estate counsel for LVMH and related entities, including representation of Fendi North America, Inc. in connection with the negotiation of retail leases at The Mall at Short Hills, Beverly Center, Americana Shopping Center, Shoppes at The Palazzo, Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, Bal Harbour Shops and The Crystals at City Center; representation of Louis Vuitton North America, Inc. in connection with the negotiation of retail leases at Charleston Place, Houston Galleria, Westfield Galleria at Roseville, The Shops at The Bravern, The Mall at Short Hills, Westfarms Mall, NorthPark Center, Aventura Mall, and The Crystals at City Center; representation of DFS Group, L.P. in connection with the renegotiation of retail lease for the DFS Galleria luxury department store in Waikiki, Hawaii; and Sephora USA, Inc., in connection with the negotiation of numerous shopping center and free-standing store leases throughout the United States

- Apex Oil Company

Lead Debtor's counsel in the successful Chapter 11 reorganization of Apex Oil Company and related entities in St. Louis, Missouri

News

- Dennis Ferrazzano ranked #1 in Real Estate by Leading Lawyers (February 2012)
- Eighteen BFKN attorneys named 2012 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars (January 2012)
- Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg ranked #1 Illinois Real Estate Firm by 2011 Chambers USA (June 2011)
- Eighteen BFKN attorneys named Top 5% in Illinois by Leading Lawyers (April 2011)
- Dennis Ferrazzano named Top 10 real estate lawyer in Illinois by Leading Lawyers (April 2011)

- Seventeen BFKN attorneys named 2011 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars (January 2011)
- Thirteen BFKN attorneys named 2010 Leading Lawyers (July 2010)
- Fifteen BFKN attorneys named 2010 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars (January 2010)
- Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg ranked #1 Illinois Real Estate Firm again by 2009 Chambers USA (July 2009)
- Thirteen BFKN attorneys named 2009 Leading Lawyers (February 2009)
- Dennis Ferrazzano named Top 10 real estate lawyer in Illinois by Leading Lawyers (January 2009)
- Barack Ferrazzano ranked #1 in Illinois Real Estate by 2008 Chambers USA (July 2008)

Professional Activities and Honors

- Order of the Coif
- Notes and Comments Editor, Northwestern University Law Review, 1970-1971
- Adjunct Professor of Real Estate Law and William H. Trumbull Lecturer, Northwestern University School of Law, 1979-1999
- Robert Childres Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University School of Law, 1985
- Outstanding Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, 1995-1999