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A Leading Massachusetts Legal Resource for Real Estate Since 1886

Clients have sought our help with real estate since the very founding of our firm more than a century ago. Businesses and institutions continue to rely on our lawyers who are respected throughout Massachusetts, New England and beyond for handling sophisticated transactions and challenging issues and disputes involving real estate.

Today our lawyers provide clients with services in the areas of real estate finance, acquisitions and sales, development and permitting, leasing, and title, as well as other related transactional, administrative law and litigation services. Institutional and business clients of all sizes look to Rackemann to facilitate transactions involving high-profile commercial, industrial, multi-family residential and mixed-use properties, and to provide all the related services necessary for completing complex deals in areas such as:

- Parcel assembly (including ground lease and air rights transactional structures)
- Environmental and land use permitting matters
- Entity formation and related tax planning
- Real estate financing and loan restructuring
- Resolution of complex title issues

Our team has worked on real estate transactions and disputes statewide as well as on a regional and national basis.

Our approach

We strive to provide clients with effective and efficient service by staffing each transaction with an experienced practitioner complemented by seasoned legal and paralegal professionals. Our senior lawyers are active participants in each engagement rather than mere supervisors, insuring that clients have the direct benefit of their years of experience and practical knowledge. Our legal and paralegal staff is comprised of specialists who focus entirely on real estate transactional matters and related proceedings. Our team approach includes working with professionals in our business, tax and litigation practices who, by virtue of Rackemann's long and distinguished history in the practice of real estate law, have an impressive background and significant knowledge in real estate related matters within their particular areas of expertise. The guiding principle by which we operate is to make the maximum use of the significant resources that we have throughout the firm in the real estate area by insuring that the right professionals are involved in each matter which we handle, from within the real estate department and elsewhere in the firm.

Our clients

We bring the depth and breadth of our experience with real estate and our knowledge of the industry not only to the complex, large-scale real estate matters for which we are known, but also to transactions of a smaller scale which we are also able to handle in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We represent major national and international corporations in connection with their real estate transactional needs, including a Massachusetts-based defense contractor in the acquisition and disposition of its real estate holdings and a national telecommunications company in the leasing, acquisition and sale of real estate throughout the northeast. Our lawyers have also worked with a variety of educational institutions (including local universities and private schools), financial services companies, governmental entities, and local, regional and national developers. Throughout our history and continuing to this day we also represent family companies and individual landowners in addressing their real estate needs, including title and easement disputes, subdivision of property and disposition of excess real estate holdings, and related tax and family succession issues.