



Lydia G. Chesnick

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PRACTICE AREAS & INDUSTRIES

COVID-19 Response Team

Corporate and Business

Real Estate Law

EDUCATION

Boston University, J.D., 1980

Northwestern University (1973-75) and University of California, Berkeley, B.A., high honors, 1977

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, 1980

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Legal Memberships

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Professional & Civic Activities

Committee Member, 2Life Communities

Founding Member of the NE500/501 Giving Circle

Board Member, Real Estate and Timber Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board

The Boston Club

Barry L. Price Rehabilitation Center – Angel

Women's Executive Group, Boston, Massachusetts

USA 500 Club

Overview

Lydia Chesnick's practice encompasses real estate and business law. In her over 25 years representing clients, she has become an authority in her chosen specialties of real estate acquisitions and sales, financing of properties, leasing of retail and office space, all aspects of the hospitality industry as well as working with small business owners. As a result of her commitment to cultivating an understanding of her clients' day-to-day legal and business needs and focusing on producing client driven results, Lydia has not only earned their loyalty and respect, but also a unique reputation for building and maintaining long-term client relationships.

Lydia is very active in the community. She contributes a tremendous amount of time to various organizations. She is one of ten advisors on the Real Estate and Timber Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board, which sets investment policy within the real estate portfolio for the state's pension fund. She is also a member of 2Life Communities, which develops, builds, and provides housing for low and moderate-income seniors. One of her long-time clients established a nonprofit for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lydia serves on various committees for that nonprofit and assists, pro bono, with the organization's operations and is actively involved in its ongoing and annual fundraising events.



Representative Matters & Significant Transactions

- \$100 million dollar multiple hotel sale and associated 1031 acquisitions of several properties
- Representation of mid-sized Massachusetts University in connection with significant real estate acquisition and development of multi parcel assemblage
- Representation of international clients as principal United States counsel in a variety of business and real estate related matters
- \$90 million dollar portfolio loan financing of 1200 plus apartment units in the Greater Boston Area
- Served as Massachusetts counsel to out-of-state lender in connection with construction and permanent financing of significant hotel and residential Boston waterfront project
- Representation of companies and individuals in varying facets of business and real estate matters in relation to the purchase, development, management, financing and sale of commercial properties and businesses, including hotels, office buildings, multi-unit residential buildings and retail properties

HONORS & RECOGNITION

Recognized by *Connect Media* one of the **Top 10 Women in Boston Commercial Real Estate**, 2019

Honored as one of the 2018 **Women of F.I.R.E., Banker & Tradesman**

Named to the list of **Top 50 Women Attorneys in New England**, *Super Lawyers* 2017 and 2018

Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017-2021

Named to the list of **Top 50 Women Attorneys in Massachusetts**, *Super Lawyers* 2016 – 2020

Selected for inclusion in *Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2010-2020*

2015 **Top Women of Law**, *Mass Lawyers Weekly*

AV Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating

Selected for Inclusion in *ALM Women Leaders in the Law 2015*



- Structured and closed multimillion-dollar financings collateralized by fine art collections and significant security portfolio

Lectures & Seminars

- Provided Tenant Workshop for CWE (Center for Women & Enterprise)

News, Events & Publications

- Seven Bernkopf Goodman attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers of America®
- Bernkopf Goodman LLP COVID-19 Resource Teams
- Five Significant Changes Brought on by the PPPFA That Affect How Small Businesses Can Utilize PPP Funds
- Lenders to start accepting PPP applications
- Lydia Chesnick Named Best in Boston CRE
- Six Bernkopf Goodman Attorneys Recognized on 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers List
- Seven Bernkopf Goodman LLP Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2020 Best Lawyers in America®
- Eleven Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Companies Cashing in on Underutilized Space
- Innovative changes ahead in short-term hotel stays and affordable housing
- Four Bernkopf Goodman LLP Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2019 Best Lawyers in America® New England Edition
- Women of F.I.R.E. Profile: Lydia Chesnick
- Lydia G. Chesnick Appointed to Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE) Real Estate Committee
- Ten Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Four Bernkopf Goodman LLP Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2018 Best Lawyers in America®
- Eleven Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Lydia Chesnick, Partner at Bernkopf Goodman, Named to Super Lawyers "Top 50 Women Attorneys in Massachusetts" List
- Lydia G. Chesnick Appointed to the Real Estate and Timber Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board
- Professional Profile: Lydia Chesnick 2016
- Brookline resident and partner at Boston law firm honored with Top Women of Law award
- Lydia Chesnick: Super Lawyers
- Professional Recognition: Super Lawyers
- Chesnick, a real estate and business law partner at Bernkopf Goodman, honored with "Top Women of Law" Award
- Ten Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2015 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Lydia Chesnick, 2015 Top Women of Law Award

- Lydia Chesnick, Partner at Bernkopf Goodman, Honored As One Of The 'Top Women Of Law 2015'
- What was your greatest professional accomplishment in 2014? – Lydia Chesnick of Bernkopf Goodman
- CRE Managers Need to be Small-Minded
- Six Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys selected for inclusion in 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Editions
- Bernkopf Goodman Closes \$134.4 Million in First Mortgage Financing on Local Apartment Buildings
- Bernkopf Goodman Announces 6 Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in 2013 Massachusetts Super Lawyers
- Being Unclear Can Present Dangers for Brokers