

# Real Estate: Mainly Dirt: New York – Chambers USA 2011

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The Firm: This talented team has a dual focus on both dirt law and real estate financing. It encompasses an impressive range of areas in this field. The broad experience this deep bench offers means it is as well equipped to deal with real estate funds as it is engineers. The firm recently moved its office to 11 Times Square after the real estate group negotiated the lease to be the anchor tenant of this property.

Sources Say: "It has a tremendous wealth of experience and it does things right the first time."

Key Individuals: Ronald Sernau "is really gifted in leasing and is giving something to this profession nobody else can." This prominent attorney primarily acts on acquisitions and dispositions of commercial and residential property in the New York City metropolitan area. He recently represented Reader's Digest in its relocation to White Plains, New York. Steven Lichtenfeld's practice pivots on real estate finance and capital markets. He is strong in public offerings, private placements and senior and mezzanine financings as well as other forms of corporate finance. David Weinberger recently represented the Harbor Group on its acquisition and subsequent leasing of a 25-story building in lower Manhattan. His practice is focused on the financial side of transactions. He represents lenders, owners and investors in a variety of matters and has developed particular expertise in the origination and securitization of complex mortgage loans. Sources note he is "seasoned in this industry and is well connected with good relationships." Peter Fass is highly experienced in capital markets real estate and has decades of experience in this field. His clients include American Realty Capital and its affiliated broker-dealer and REITs Lightstone Value Plus and Preferred Apartment Communities. He earns high praise from sources: "He really gets engaged in a transaction; he is a terrific technical attorney who is constantly innovating and looking for creative ideas."

Related Professionals

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- **Ronald D. Sernau**  
Partner
- **Peter M. Fass**
- **Steven L. Lichtenfeld**  
Partner
- **David J. Weinberger**  
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