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Ron Sernau is part of New York's real estate industry inner circle and has more than 37 years of experience in real estate law. His clients, some of which have relied on his advice for decades, routinely involve him in their strategic decision making. Ron offers clients the insight he has gained by representing opposing interests in similar transactions. He has advised landlords and tenants, lenders and borrowers, purchasers and sellers, equity investors and developers, managers and owners, and brokers and principals.

Ron represents prominent New York City real estate developers in their investments in, and development of, premier properties. Various businesses, from large publicly traded companies to boutique investment firms, engage him to address their real estate concerns. He also provides general legal advice to luxury retailers, with a focus on real estate issues.

At Proskauer, Ron has served as the co-chair of the Real Estate Department.

An avid speaker on real estate topics, Ron has appeared before groups sponsored by the Association of the Bar of The City of New York, the New York Hospitality Council, Inc., the New York State Bar Association, the Georgetown Commercial Leasing Institute, CB Richard Ellis, Inc., the Association of Attorneys and Executives in Corporate Real Estate, Practising Law Institute, The Real Estate Board of New York, Inc. and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Practices

Real Estate, Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Development, Real Estate Leasing, Ownership and Operational Issues

Industries

Hospitality, Gaming & Leisure, Private Capital, Asset Management, Private Equity, Real Assets, Real Estate, Health Care

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D.

magna cum laude

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Editor, *Cornell Law Review*, 1985-1986

Ithaca College, B.S.

summa cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Memberships

New York City Bar

New York State Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: New York: Real Estate 2005-2025

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Real Estate 2015-2018

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate: 2025 (Leading Lawyers 2025)

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate: Finance: 2025

The Legal 500 United States: Leading Lawyer 2020-2024

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate and Construction: Real Estate 2014-2024

Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Real Estate Lawyers 2024

Best Lawyers in America 2013-2023

Top Ten New York Super Lawyers 2012

Top 100 New York Super Lawyers 2010-2013

New York Super Lawyers 2010-2022