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BIOGRAPHY

Lizl Leonardo is a skilled corporate and real estate attorney. She has represented domestic and international clients on numerous legal matters involving commercial real estate transactions, private equity, franchise matters, and other general corporate/business transactions. Lizl has advised, negotiated for, and drafted documents for a wide array of clients, such as buyers, sellers, landlords, tenants, lenders, borrowers, sponsors, and developers in various industries and several key areas covering sophisticated commercial transactions. She has also led and conducted multiple large-scale due diligence projects and extensive research on organizations in the context of clients' transactions. Her background as a financial analyst for a large national insurance broker lends to her understanding of complex transactions and financial forecasting, ultimately benefiting her clients as they pursue development and strategic growth opportunities.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinder Program, 2022
- Asian Real Estate Association of America - Philadelphia, Member
- National Filipino American Lawyers Association, Member
- Filipino American Lawyers of Association – New York (Board of Directors, 2023)
- New York State Bar Association, Volunteer Attorney, 2020

HONORS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2024

EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2017

- Order of the Coif
- Certificate of Business Law
- DePaul Law Review, Volume 66 (Business Manager and Associate Editor)
- Dean's List, all semesters
- Merit Scholar Recipient
- Madrid Summer 2015 and Buenos Aires Winter 2016 Study Abroad Programs

De La Salle University, B.S.C., 2010

- Management of Financial Institutions
- Dean's List, 8 semesters
- Lasallian Achiever Scholar Nominee, 2008
- Institute of Financial Consultants, Associate Financial Consultant, 2009

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
Illinois

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

District of Columbia

- Acquisition, financing, and organizational structuring of an \$88 million mixed-use property (multi-family/retail) in Philadelphia, PA.
- Acquisition or sale, financing, organizational structuring (including private placement/equity raises), and development of close to two dozen self-storage facilities and operating businesses across several states, aggregating approximately \$85 million.
- Handling of all local Pennsylvania matters, including legal opinion letters, in connection with financing aggregating \$48 million for two (2) assisted-living facilities in Philadelphia and Bethlehem, PA.
- Acquisition, financing, and joint venture/organizational structuring of a \$65 million multi-family apartment building in Philadelphia, PA.
- Sale of a 193-room (together with event space and restaurant/bar), nationally franchised hotel for \$12 million in Frazer, PA.
- Acquisition and organizational structuring (including equity raise) of two (2) car wash/lube properties and operating businesses for \$7 million in Staten Island, NY.
- Acquisition of a \$15 million new construction industrial warehouse in Florence, NJ.
- Acquisition and financing of a 107-acre golf course and clubhouse (restaurant/bar/pro shop) in Middletown, DE.
- Acquisition/Restructuring, financing, and joint venture/organizational structuring of a \$28.8 million portfolio of 26 multi-family parcels in Philadelphia, PA.
- Asset acquisition of franchisor of a restaurant chain, including acquisition of multi-state real estate portfolio of corporate-owned properties – and subsequent financing of multi-state portfolio, and sale of real estate holdings in Colorado, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.
- Representation of lender for all local Pennsylvania matters in connection with \$54 million construction financing for an industrial property in Philadelphia, PA.
- Acquisition, financing, and organizational structuring of an \$18 million multi-family apartment complex in Philadelphia, PA.
- Diverse representation of domestic and international franchisors in various industries, including food and beverage, health care, fitness, education, and real estate.

NEWS

Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld Recognized Among 2025 Best Law Firms® for Excellence Across Multiple Practice Areas

Accolades, November 7, 2024

LANGUAGE

Filipino (Tagalog)