

# David L. Coombs

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David Coombs is a business and securities law counselor and transactional attorney who focuses his broad corporate practice in the commercial real estate and investment management industries. He also advises sponsors and investors in the formation of private investment funds. Dave co-leads the firm's Corporate Real Estate practice and is former Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate group.

## **Perspective**

Dave brings an unconventional background to his practice. He started in the software industry while pursuing mathematics and computer science at MIT, and continued for several years as a software designer and project manager. Dave has found that his training in creative problem-solving and strategic thinking applies broadly across industry lines. Clients also appreciate his familiarity with "real world" issues facing managers and decision-makers and the need for practical solutions.

## **Affiliations**

- General Counsel and Board of Directors, MIT Enterprise Forum, 2004-2011

## **Admissions**

- Massachusetts

## **Education**

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (S.B., 1991)
- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1998)

## **Representative Matters**

**AXA IM Alts and its Affiliates in one of the Largest Industrial Portfolio Acquisitions of 2020**

Representation of AXA IM Alts and its affiliates in one of the largest industrial portfolio acquisitions of 2020. The portfolio consists of 27 assets in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Central New Jersey, Dallas, South Florida, Southern New Jersey and Atlanta. In a significant step in its strategy to grow a U.S. wide logistics platform, AXA IM Alts, on behalf of clients and through a joint venture with Cabot Properties, Inc., acquired the 7,984,000 s/f portfolio for approximately \$875 million, through a share purchase of a REIT previously managed by Cabot Properties. Representation included all matters related to property diligence, structuring, joint venture, purchase, financing, tax and environmental considerations of the property, including tax and structuring issues relating to cross-border investments.

**CrediFi Series B Round**

Representation of CrediFi in connection with its Series B round.

**Healthcare IT Solutions Company General Outside Counsel**

Representation of a healthcare IT solutions company as general outside counsel, including a recapitalization and growth investment by private equity sponsor WestView Capital Partners.

**Team Launch General Outside Counsel**

Team Launch, as general outside counsel and in representing various of its portfolio companies, including venture financings with lead investors such as Accel Partners, General Catalyst and Forerunner Ventures.

**Cloud Security Company \$300M Sale to Cisco**

Representation of the founders and senior management of a cloud security company in connection with the \$300 million sale to Cisco.

**RueLaLa \$250M Sale to GSI Commerce**

RueLaLa in connection with its \$350M sale to GSI Commerce, including assistance to selling shareholders in disposing of public company stock consideration through a registered underwritten offering.

**Allianz Investments in U.S. Real Estate Funds**

Representation of Allianz in connection with investments in U.S. real estate funds, including a \$500M investment in Blackstone's global opportunity fund, as well as investments of \$100M or more in funds sponsored by Beacon Capital, Crow Holdings and LBA Realty.

**Allianz \$200M+ Strategic Real Estate Investment**

Representation of Allianz Real Estate in connection with a \$200+ million strategic real estate investment with Archstone and CPP Investment Board starting with co-investments in two class A luxury apartment communities in Boston and Washington DC Metro.

**CrossHarbor Capital Partners Outside General Counsel**

Providing service to CrossHarbor Capital Partners, as general outside counsel and in connection with capital raising activities, including over \$500 million in private capital formation transactions to finance its various real estate investments and related activities in Big Sky, Montana, commencing with its landmark acquisition of the Yellowstone Club.

**The Brooklyn Navy Yard Eb-5 Financing for Redevelopment**

Representation of The Brooklyn Navy Yard in connection with EB-5 financing for the redevelopment of Building 77 into a mixed-use property.

**Oxfam America Activities of Shareholder Activist Fund**

Pro bono representation of Oxfam America in connection with the activities of its shareholder activist fund, including submission and presentation of Rule 14a-8 shareholder proposals and related proxy campaigns on pressing social issues such as gender equality, workplace safety, climate change, and diversity. Target companies have included Chevron, Mondelez, Coca-Cola, General Mills and Tyson.

## Press Releases

June 10, 2016

**Goulston & Storrs Appoints New Co-Chairs to Litigation and Corporate Practice Groups**