Jessica M. Caamano

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Jessica Caamano is an Associate in the Firm's <u>Real Estate</u> Group, where her practice focuses on commercial real estate matters including development, permitting, zoning and leasing. She represents clients in the development of mixed-use, office, retail, institutional and multi-family residential projects.

Prior to joining Goulston & Storrs, Jessica served as Corporate Counsel to Audax Group, a private equity investment firm focusing on leveraged buyouts, mezzanine capital and senior debt, primarily in middle-market companies. She also interned with the in-house legal departments at AT&T and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Jessica is an active member of the Women's Bar Association, currently serving on the Board of Directors.

Accolades

- Women's Bar Association, 2023 Women's Leadership Initiative
- Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Massachusetts, 2021-2024

Affiliations

- Boston Bar Association, Member
 - Co-Chair of the New Lawyers Section, 2018-2020
- · Women's Bar Association, Board of Directors
 - o Gala Committee Co-Chair, 2018 and 2019

Admissions

Massachusetts

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2016)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., with highest distinction, 2013)

Dedication to Pro Bono & Community

Jessica proudly gives of her time and skills to those who are unable to secure legal representation on their own accord.

Most recently, Jessica assisted a homeless woman in securing new housing. Jessica helped her client understand her options and document events leading to her homelessness, advocated on her client's behalf and represented her at a hearing that ultimately resulted in the reinstatement of her Section 8 housing voucher.

For more information on this pro bono victory, please visit the Lawyers Clearinghouse webpage.

Representative Matters

Provincetown Commons: A Home for Creativity and Innovation

Representation of Provincetown Commons, Inc., in connection with corporate formation, governance, obtaining tax exempt status, lease/contract review and negotiation, and obtaining local permits and approvals.

Provincetown Commons is renovating, adapting and programming a nearly century-old community center located in the heart of Provincetown, MA, for use by the local community. The revitalized community center will provide year-round working space and professional support to area artists, other members of the local creative economy, and start-up businesses, and will serve as a gathering space for educational and community initiatives, as well as for the Outer Cape Cod community at large. Aiming to contribute to strengthening Provincetown's year-round economy, the Provincetown Commons will serve as a nexus for creativity, collaboration, and new economic opportunity.

As general counsel to Provincetown Commons, Goulston & Storrs attorneys created formation documents, registered the corporation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Massachusetts Attorney General, and obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS. We worked closely with Provincetown Commons on all aspects of the re-development process, including negotiation of the lease and related documents with the Town of Provincetown, obtaining local permits and approvals and negotiating the construction contract with the contractor. Provincetown Commons had its grand opening in late 2018, and we continue to provide legal support and counsel to the transformative community center.

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Provincetown Commons pre-renovation



Provincetown Commons post-renovation



Photos courtesy of Provincetown Commons

Real Estate Developer Mixed-Use Conversion to Residential Condominiums



Representation of a real estate developer in connection with the conversion of a mixed-use building into residential condominiums. Handled all community meetings and the zoning relief hearing before the city's Board of Appeals. This project included collaborating with a range of professionals in order to successfully obtain the necessary variance and permits to proceed with the project.

Non-Profit Headquarters Acquisition

Representation of a non-profit organization for Latino youth in connection with the purchase of their previously rented building to establish a permanent headquarters, including drafting the conveyance documentation and assisting with acquisition financing, tax matters and other long-term legal matters.

Non-Profit Community Center Redevelopment

Representation of a non-profit organization in connection with the redevelopment of a defunct community center building into a newly renovated, mixed-use, collaborative working space for local artists and entrepreneurs, including permitting and negotiation of the long-term lease and construction and consulting contracts related to the redevelopment.

Retail Leasing Matters for Public REIT

Representation of a publicly traded real estate investment trust focused on shopping centers in connection with their retail leases across the country. This work includes all aspects of the drafting and negotiation of leases with a range of restaurants and retail businesses on behalf of the landlord.