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Peter Corbett is a real estate attorney focusing on the development, acquisition, leasing and disposition of commercial real estate, including hospitality properties and other large projects throughout the United States. He counsels clients in connection with the structuring of complex real estate joint ventures, as well as the management of real property and related assets. His practice includes: structuring public and private development relationships; obtaining tax incentives and public financing for development projects; and legal work related to projects in the energy and hospitality sectors. Peter also has extensive experience in the transportation field, and in the acquisition and development of projects along the coastline, including resorts, marinas, yacht clubs and boatyards.

He often helps public-private partnerships to develop projects across the country that are adaptive and resilient with regard to climate change.

Accolades

- Best Lawyers in America® (2023-2025): Real Estate Law
- Massachusetts Super Lawyer, 2004 - 2005, 2008 - 2013, 2016, 2019-2020
- Martindale Hubbell Peer-Review Rated AV Preeminent™

Affiliations

- Urban Land Institute -- Full Member; Real Estate and Technology Council, Boston District
- NAIOP -- Public Affairs Committee Member
- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce -- Energy & Sustainability Leadership Council
- Pro Bono work for Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation, Jewish Funds for Justice, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, ROCA, Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, ACLU Foundation of Massachusetts, Nuestra Comunidad and Community Resources for Justice
- Boston Bar Association

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

- Brandeis University (B.A., 1973)
- Universitaet Tuebingen, Germany (Fulbright Fellow, 1981)
- Boston University (Ph.D., 1984)
- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1990)

Representative Matters

Developer in Acquisition of Prime Real Estate, Securing Zoning, Permitting, Structuring Air Rights Boston Seaport Square

Representation of developer in acquisition of prime real estate, securing zoning, permitting, structuring air rights and other public approvals for the residential and commercial development of Boston's Seaport Square, a 23-acre site in the South Boston Seaport area.

Hospitality Establishments Acquisition and Ongoing Operation

Representation of various hospitality establishments, including: Nantucket Island Resorts in connection with acquisition and ongoing operation of numerous hotel, restaurant, marina and retail properties on the island of Nantucket, MA; and the Hyatt Hotels in connection with the sale of the Hyatt Regency Boston and the Fairmont Hotels & Resorts in connection with the sale of the Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston. Also represent various resort communities with declarations, restrictions, and structuring.

Many Clients Public Incentive Benefits

Representation of many clients in connection with a variety of public incentive benefits, including tax increment financing, district improvement financing, 121A tax agreements, PILOTS, special taxing districts and other programs.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Counsel

Counsel to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for various railroad matters, including negotiation of Definitive Agreements, Trackage Rights Agreements, Operating Agreements and similar documents with CSX, State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Pan Am Railways and other parties.

Negotiating and Drafting of Power Agreements and Leases

Negotiating and drafting of power purchase agreements, energy supply agreements, solar leases, energy-savings sharing agreements, electric power supply agreements, natural gas supply

agreements and steam supply agreements for renewable, CHP and conventional electric power, natural gas, steam, and heated water.

New England Development Mixed-Use Developments, Joint Ventures and Regional Malls Nationwide

Representation of New England Development in connection with numerous retail and mixed-use developments, joint ventures and regional malls, in New England and across the country.

Pyramid Development and Negotiation of Hotels

Counsel to Pyramid Hotel Group in connection with the development of new hotels, as well as negotiating hotel management agreements and related ancillary agreements for existing properties across the country.

Samuels Structuring Complex Joint Ventures and Forward Equity Takeouts for Urban Mixed-Use Projects

Representation of Samuels & Associates in connection with structuring complex joint ventures and forward equity takeouts for urban mixed-use projects.

Schlumberger Permitting and Structuring World Research Headquarters

Counsel to Schlumberger in connection with the permitting and structuring of their world research headquarters in Cambridge, MA.

Shire Human Genetic Therapies Permitting and Incentives for Bio-Pharmaceutical Research

Representation of Shire Human Genetic Therapies, Inc. in connection with permitting and incentives for bio-pharmaceutical research and the company's manufacturing campus.

United Communities \$35M Financing of Solar Installation

Representation of United Communities in connection with True Green Capital and CIT on closing their \$35M financing of a 12.3 megawatt solar installation for a public-private partnership (PPP) at Joint Military Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in Burlington County, New Jersey.

Utility and Power Generating Companies Permitting and Incentives

Counsel to utility and power generating companies, including National Grid, Exelon and NRG in connection with real estate, permitting and incentives.

Community

Peter proudly serves as part of the team providing pro bono legal representation for the Nature Conservancy. The firm has worked with the conservancy on a range of projects and most recently began working with the organization on a climate change resiliency project to help protect Boston from rising tidal waters.

The Conservancy is enlisting Goulston & Storrs with a range of legal services connected to building a storm surge barrier reef along the Boston Harbor Islands. This first-of-its kind project will require a range of state and federal permits, an environmental impact review and other general legal advice.