

# SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP

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## Lawyers



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Benjamin Weber has experience in a broad range of commercial real estate, corporate finance and private and public securities transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, corporate and partnership restructurings, securitizations, financings, private equity investments and public and private offerings of debt and equity.

#### SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

- **Manhattan Mini Storage** in its acquisition by StorageMart
- **AIG** in its \$5.1 billion sale of its interests in a U.S. affordable housing portfolio to Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust
- **Forest City Realty Trust** in its \$11.4 billion acquisition by a Brookfield real estate fund
- Special Committee of **Forest City Realty Trust** in connection with the company's agreement to eliminate its dual-class share structure and the related support agreement with Scopia Capital Management
- **Forest City Enterprises** in its reorganization into a REIT and in its related \$500 million unsecured revolving credit facility
- **Cadillac Fairview** in its exchange of interests in five shopping centers for an 11% interest in The Macerich Company
- **Christopher Cole** and certain other executives in connection with the \$11.2 billion acquisition of Cole Real Estate Investments by American Realty Capital Properties
- **Cole Real Estate Investments** in various corporate and securities matters, including its listing on the New York Stock Exchange and its \$250 million self tender
- **Cole Holdings Corporation** in connection with its sale to Cole Capital Properties Trust III (now known as Cole Real Estate Investments)
- **Delaware Life Insurance Company** in its \$264 million preferred equity investment in a condominium development at 706 Mission

#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

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**General Practice**

**Capital Markets**

**Commercial Real Estate**

**REITs**

**Corporate Governance**

**Financial Services**

**Mergers & Acquisitions**

**Private Equity**

#### EDUCATION

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**1990, University of Minnesota Law School, J.D.**

**1986, University of Minnesota, B.S.**

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

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**New York**

#### CLERKSHIPS

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**The Honorable John R. Gibson, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1990-1991**

Street in San Francisco

- **Jujamcyn Theaters** in various matters, including the \$115 million refinancing of its Broadway theater business
- **Verde Realty** in its merger with a fund sponsored by Brookfield Asset Management
- **Lazard Alternative Investments** in its sale of the Atria senior living portfolio to Ventas, Inc.
- **Goldman Sachs** in various acquisitions and financings of real estate projects, including industrial warehouses, hotels, office buildings and student housing
- **GF Investments** in various real estate investments, including its purchase of an interest in the MS Rialto land development business and its purchase of interests in several other residential development projects
- **Moore Capital** in the refinancing of the Nomad Ritz Hotel at 1185 Broadway in Manhattan
- **Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan** in various real estate investments in New York Harbor, including a sale and related lease transaction with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) for the Global Container Terminal in Hoboken/Jersey City, the extension of Global's lease with the PANYNJ for the New York Container Terminal on Staten Island, the development of a toll rebate program at that property and, most recently, negotiation of documents for the development and operation of a new intermodal container transfer facility at the Greenville Yards in Jersey City
- **AIG** and certain affiliates in the sale of a portfolio of approximately \$40 billion of RBMs and other securities to The Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Table Properties** (Ackman family investments) in connection with various real estate projects, including the divestiture of an office building in midtown Manhattan and participation in a joint venture formed to develop a residential project in Brooklyn
- **Vornado Realty Trust** in connection with various transactions, including its sale of Broadway Mall on Long Island to an affiliate of KKR, various matters relating to its interest in the Suffolk Downs racetrack in Boston and the purchases of various office, retail and other commercial properties and related businesses from sellers including a consortium of Chinese investors, The Mendik Company, Kennedy family entities, Commonwealth Atlantic Properties, Inc., Charles E. Smith Limited Partnership and the Kaempfer companies
- **Wells Fargo** in its sale of 52 bank branches in the Midwest to Flagstar Bancorp
- **Winter Properties** in a series of investment platforms and related joint ventures with established real estate developers, including Avenida, Cypress Equity, Hyperion, Karis, Magellan and REDA Development
- The issuer or the underwriters in a variety of securities offerings by public real estate companies, including the initial public offerings

and shelf offerings of debt and equity

#### **RANKINGS & RECOGNITION**

- BTI Consulting Group – recognized as a law firm Client Service All-Star
- *Chambers USA* – recognized in REITs Law
- *New York Super Lawyers* – recognized as a Super Lawyer in Real Estate Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – recognized in Real Estate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- *The Legal 500 United States* – recognized in Real Estate Law