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Michael Roth is a partner in the Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office.

Areas of Practice

Michael Roth concentrates his practice on real estate acquisition, finance, development, construction, leasing, and disposition throughout the United States, with a particular focus on hospitality projects.

He has represented owners of property on a "start to finish" basis, with significant experience in acquisition, finance, development and disposition of real estate projects. In connection with property development, he has extensive experience in representing owners in drafting and negotiating design, construction, project management and other consulting contracts. He has considerable experience with owners and institutional lenders on real estate finance transactions, including construction and term loans. In the hospitality field, he has a particular focus on design and construction contracts, management agreements, food and beverage leasing and management agreements, and other operations contracts.

Honors

Lawyers in Real Estate Awards, *ConnectCRE*, 2025

Recommended Lawyer, Real Estate, *Legal 500 US*, 2021

Experience

Representative Experience

- Represents clients in commercial and residential real estate acquisition, finance, development, construction, leasing and disposition throughout the U.S.
- Represents hotel developers and operators in hotel development and operational matters
- Represents owners on major design and construction projects, including architecture, general contracts and other consultant agreements
- Represent institutional lenders and life insurance companies on mortgage loan financings

Representative Projects

- Godfrey Hotel, Detroit, MI

- Westin Book Cadillac, Detroit, MI
- Corktown Perennial Apartments and Parking Garage, Detroit, Michigan
- Hotel Indigo, New York, New York
- The View, Jersey City, New Jersey
- 29-26 Northern Blvd., New York
- 49-40 Vernon, New York
- Hotel Lincoln, Chicago, Illinois
- Dana Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- Rand Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Sale of 29 hotel ZMC Hotels Portfolio
- 5 Hotel Portfolio in San Francisco, Palo Alto, and Los Gatos, California
- 4 Hotel Portfolio in San Francisco, California
- Godfrey Hotel Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
- LondonHouse Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- ARLO Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- 850 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois
- Bay Harbor Hotel, Tampa, Florida
- Ventana Inn, Big Sur, California
- Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel-By-The-Sea, California
- Godfrey Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- Essex Inn, Chicago, Illinois
- Godfrey Hotel Boston, Chicago, Illinois
- B Ocean Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Chicago Athletic Association (CAA) Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- Crown Miami Beach Hotel, Miami, Florida
- Hotel Cass Chicago, Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois
- Felix Hotel, River North, Chicago, Illinois

Articles

- Commercial Landlord-Tenant Practice – 2023 Edition
Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 05.17.2023
- Chicago may impose hiring priority to previously laid-off hotel workers
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, 03.24.2021

Labor and Employment Law Blog Posts

- "Hands Off-Pants On Ordinance In Effect in Chicago; California May Be Next," August 10, 2018

- "Chicago City Council Committee Approves *Hands Off-Pants On* Ordinance to Protect Hotel Employees," October 5, 2017

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Law Blog Posts

- "A Potential Big Win for Real Estate Developers in Illinois: CGL Coverage for Property Damage from Defective Work," March 18, 2024
- "Hotels Provide Sanctuary on the Front Lines; Saving Grace in the Time of Crisis," March 30, 2020
- "California Executive Order Permits 'Commandeering' Hotels," March 13, 2020
- "Dealing With An Unwelcome Guest – Coronavirus and Operating, Contract and Loan Issues for Hotel Owners and Operators," March 5, 2020
- "Mechanics Lien Subordination: Illinois Further Limits Construction Lenders' Ability To Ensure Priority Against Mechanics Liens," September 18, 2014

Books

- Contributing Author, Commercial Landlord-Tenant Practice, *Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 2023 Edition

Online Courses

- "Hotel Transactions in Illinois," *Lawline*, May 12, 2017

Media Mentions

Thousands Of Hotels Offer Rooms For COVID-19 Patients
Law360, 03.25.2020

Sheppard Mullin Steers \$163M NYC Hotel Buy
Law360, 10.24.2018

New Chicago Sex Assault Law Aims To Protect Hotel Workers
Law360, 10.26.2017

Events

12th Annual Georgetown Law Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit
Pre-Conference Primer - Hotel Purchase & Sale Agreements 101
09.25.2024

11th Annual Georgetown Law Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit
It's Like Rotating an Occupied Building, Only the Guests Don't Notice
10.27.2023

Sanctuary Hotels – Providing Accommodation During the Pandemic
Webinar, 04.15.2020

Memberships

Chair, Finance Committee, Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

Practices

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental

Construction

Commercial Leasing

Distressed Real Estate Loan Workouts and Enforcement

Healthcare

Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Portfolio Transactions

Industries

Construction

Food and Beverage

Healthcare

Hospitality

Education

J.D., Washington University School of Law, 2004

B.A., Truman State University, 1998

Admissions

Illinois