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### Practices

FOCUS: Real Estate

Real Estate Finance  
and Lending

Private Equity

Real Estate  
Development

Real Estate Equity and  
Investments

Private Equity and  
Real Estate Fund  
Formation

Structured Finance  
and Securitization

### Industries

Construction

Private Client Services

Hospitality

Sports and Sports  
Facilities

Manufacturing and  
Industrials Private  
Equity

### Recognition

Super Lawyers,  
Southern California,  
2005–2019

*Chambers USA - Top  
Ranked*, 2009–2015

*Legal 500*, 2014, 2017

Benny Westreich's practice covers the full range of transactional real estate, representing institutional and individual clients in the United States and abroad in the acquisition, development, financing, construction, renovation, leasing, management and disposition of commercial and residential properties (including hotel, retail, office and multi-use projects).

Benny focuses a lot of his practice on structuring real estate funds and joint venture (including participation structures). He counsels clients on both sides of transactions, including lenders and borrowers, landlords and tenants, developers and finance partners and buyers and sellers. Clients say that Benny "... is what I consider a business lawyer should be; he understands that it is key to find a compromise and not just be right." (*Chambers USA*)

His clients include Capstone Advisors, CIM Group, E! Entertainment, Eagle Point Hotel Partners, Preferred Media, The Annenberg Foundation, W3 Partners and Westmount Properties. He also does a significant portion of the West Coast-oriented work for firm clients, including Fifield Realty and iStar Financial.

He authored articles on real estate law for several publications, including the *New York Law Journal* and the *California Real Estate Reporter*. He also lectures from time to time and moderated the "Deal Makers Panel" at the 2011 Crocker Symposium in Los Angeles.

### Memberships

- State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Partnerships and Limited Liability Committee Chair; Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Opinions

### Advisories

- California Energy Commission Implements New Energy Use Requirements (January 31, 2014)
- California Court of Appeal Strictly Enforces Carveout Guaranty (June 21, 2013)
- California Sets Schedule for Non-Residential Building Energy Disclosures (October 22, 2012)
- Delaware Bankruptcy Court Dismisses Chapter 11 Petition of Mezzanine Borrower as Filed in Bad Faith (January 24, 2012)



*Best Lawyers in America*, 2009–2019

### Education

JD, Columbia Law School

BS, The City College of The City University of New York

### Bar Admissions

New York

California

- IRS and Treasury Issue Guidance for Modification of Securitized Commercial Mortgages (September 22, 2009)
- GGP Opinion Leaves Unanswered Questions (August 28, 2009)
- The GGP Case—What It Means for Lenders (June 3, 2009)
- Federal Reserve Adds Legacy CMBS to TALF (May 20, 2009)
- Expansion of TARP to Newly Issued CMBS Creates Opportunities for TARP Investors, Commercial Mortgage Lenders and Property Owners (May 4, 2009)
- Treasury Unveils Public-Private Investment Program for Legacy Assets (March 26, 2009)
- Proposed Addition of CMBS to TALF May Create Opportunities for Commercial Mortgage Loan Originators, Servicers, Borrowers and Investors (March 12, 2009)
- Implications of the Lehman Bankruptcy Entities on Multi-Lender Financings (September 2008)

### Articles

- Co-author, Deeds in Lieu: Merger Doctrine Does Not Apply Where Grantee Is Senior Lienholder, *International Law Office* (January 30, 2015)
- Co-author, California Sets Schedule for Non-residential Building Energy Disclosures, *International Law Office* (September 21, 2012)
- Co-author, No Second Chances for 'Bad Boys': Court Holds Non-Recourse Carve-Out Enforceable, *International Law Office* (December 4, 2009)
- Co-author, New Woes for CDOs: The Effect of the Subprime Crisis on Real Estate CDOs and the Opportunity It Presents, *Real Estate Restructuring & Reorganization Guide* (May 2008)

### Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Moderator | The “Deal Maker” Panel – Current Real Estate Investment Realities (Debt and Equity) | Benjamin S. Crocker Symposium 2011 | Los Angeles, California (October 4, 2011)