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Martin Polevoy's practice includes all areas of real estate, including acquisitions and dispositions, development, leasing, financing, joint ventures, construction contracts, restructuring and workouts. He represents many well-known national and international owners, developers, investors, and financial institutions, as well as European and Asian investors, in both debt and equity transactions in the United States.

Martin's practice includes representing: the developers of the 1.7 million-square foot headquarters building for The New York Times Company in Manhattan; Greenland Group (Shanghai) in the purchase of a 70% interest in the 4.9 billion dollar Atlantic Yards Project in Brooklyn, New York; L'Oreal USA, Inc. in their 400,000 square foot headquarters lease at the Hudson Yards development project in Manhattan; representing General Motors in the relocation of their New York headquarters and their Cadillac Division from Detroit to New York City; the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the redevelopment of the World Trade Center; a major investment bank in over 2 million square feet of leasing transactions and the acquisition of its Manhattan headquarters building; acquisition of over 4 million square feet of first-class office buildings for a prominent German open-end real estate fund; developers of mixed use condominium projects in New York City; and serving as national real estate counsel for one of the largest real estate funds in the United States, and representing Asian investors and developers and institutional lenders in the US, including Greenland Holding Group (Shanghai), China Construction Bank, China Construction America, Inc., Reignwood Group (Beijing/London) and UCF Capital Ltd. (Hong Kong).

In addition, he has been a frequent participant, as program chair and as a speaker and panelist, in continuing legal education programs of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the Practising Law Institute, Georgetown University Law Center, and the Anglo-American Real Estate Institute. He has also written extensively on various aspects of real estate law.

Martin is the head of the real estate practice group in New York.

EXPERIENCE

Martin's practice includes:

RELATED SERVICES

- Real Estate
- Corporate
- Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Finance

RELATED SECTORS

- Hospitality and Leisure
- Real Estate

- Representing the development of a 1.7 million-square foot headquarters building for The New York Times Company in Manhattan
- Representing L'Oreal USA, Inc. in their new 400,000 square foot headquarters lease at the Hudson Yards development project in Manhattan
- Representing General Motors in the relocation of their New York headquarters and the relocation of their Cadillac Division from Detroit to New York City
- Representing a major investment bank in over two million square feet of leasing transactions and the acquisition of its Manhattan headquarters building
- Acquisition of over four million square feet of first-class office buildings for a prominent German open-end real estate fund
- Representing the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the redevelopment of the World Trade Center
- Serving as national real estate counsel for one of the largest real estate funds in the United States
- Representing Asian investors and developers in the US, including Greenland Holding Group, China Construction America, Inc., Reignwood Group and UCF Capital Ltd.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York

Recognitions

Martin has been recognized as a leading real estate practitioner in many prominent surveys. The respected English research publisher Chambers & Partners has repeatedly cited him in *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer in real estate and has commented that "[h]is enthusiasm and immense knowledge are his greatest assets, according to clients." The directory also noted Martin's "wealth of experience and practical business approach," described him as "incredibly dedicated and responsive," and said he "is a highly experienced lawyer whose distinguished career and expertise continue to attract high-profile clients. While described as 'a big name in leasing,' [he] provides an all-around service that is highly respected by his peers." Clients have reported that Martin is "very practical and knowledgeable," and market commentators have said he "has a reputation as one of the best."

The Legal 500 United States has also recognized Martin and stated that he is regarded as a "tenacious negotiator" who is "extremely knowledgeable in the real estate area."

The *PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook 2009* recommended him. The *International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers* and the *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* have named Martin one of the 12 leading real estate lawyers in the world. Martin is named in the *Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers* as an expert in real estate law. He is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been repeatedly named a New York Super Lawyer. In 2007, Lawdragon named him among the *Lawdragon 500 Dealmakers in America*. In 2008, *Real Estate Weekly*, the leading real estate newspaper for the New York metropolitan area, named Martin to its list of "All Stars in Real Estate."

Education

- LL.B., University of Pennsylvania
- A.B., Colgate University
cum laude

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers, former Member of Board of Governors
- Anglo-American Real Property Institute
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- New York State Bar Association
- AFIRE-Association of Foreign Investors in Real Estate
- The Samuel Zell and Robert Lurie Real Estate Center at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

NEWS

DLA Piper lawyers and practices were highlighted in the 2017 directory of Who's Who Legal

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DLA Piper is pleased to announce *Who's Who Legal* designated us as both the Real Estate Firm of the Year and the Franchise Firm of the Year for 2017.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "NYC Office Surge To Prompt Creative Reuse Of Old Buildings," *Law360*, June 17, 2014