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Bill Forbush concentrates his practice on commercial real estate work representing institutional investors acquiring, financing, restructuring and selling commercial properties throughout the country; owners and developers of downtown high-rise office towers; and landlords and tenants in leases of office, retail and industrial properties.

Bill's work for private developers includes a downtown Boston tower with over \$1 billion of construction and permanent financing. His work for institutional investors includes the restructuring of the financing on the Sears Tower in Chicago, the sale and financing of a major historic retail/transportation facility in Washington, DC, the acquisition, financing, restructuring and sale of a portfolio of anchor retail properties in major New England regional malls, and the anchor leasing and sale of The John Hancock Tower in Boston.

Bill has represented opportunity funds, private investors and public REITs investing in, selling and financing national real estate portfolios. He has overseen the leasing programs for over six million square feet of space in premier Class A high-rise office towers and suburban office complexes. He also represented the anchor tenants in pre-leasing three office towers in Boston's Seaport and Back Bay districts and has negotiated headquarters leases for numerous companies in the greater Boston area and around the country.

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

- Real Estate

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Recognitions

Based on peer and client reviews, Bill has been selected as a Massachusetts and New England Super Lawyer and as a leading real estate lawyer by

Chambers USA and The Best Lawyers in America.

Prior Experience

Before joining the firm, Bill was clerk to The Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Los Angeles from 1986 to 1987. In the early 1980s, he was the assistant editor of *The Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe*, a series of historical books published by Yale University Press on this Jeffersonian-period architect and engineer.

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 1986
cum laude
Executive Editor, *Harvard Law Review*
- A.B., Harvard University 1979
magna cum laude

Civic and Charitable

Bill has been a regular guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Real Estate and a panel member on various continuing education programs. His community service includes serving as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1992 to 1999, as an Overseer of the Children's Museum of Boston from 1994 to 1997, and as a board member of the Shady Hill School in Cambridge from 2004 to 2010.