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Education

J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 2009 (with highest distinction; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Iowa Law Review*)

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Nick Gianou is co-head of Skadden's REITs practice. He represents clients on a wide range of tax matters, including REITs, investments by sovereign wealth funds and other foreign investors in the U.S., partnership transactions, public and private mergers and acquisitions, initial public and other debt and equity offerings, regulated investment companies (RICs) and restructuring transactions.

Mr. Gianou has advised private equity funds, venture capital funds, hedge funds and real estate investment funds in connection with fund formation transactions, acquisitions and dispositions, and restructurings. Mr. Gianou has advised numerous investment banks as underwriters in offerings by REITs, RICs and other companies. Mr. Gianou also has helped clients obtain private letter rulings from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding numerous REIT and other matters.

Clients Mr. Gianou has advised include Aflac Incorporated; AGNC Investment Corp.; Anheuser-Busch InBev; Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.; BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.; Brookdale Senior Living Inc.; DigitalBridge, Inc. (f/k/a NorthStar Asset Management Group, Inc.); Crown Castle Inc.; CyrusOne Inc.; Drive Shack Inc. (f/k/a Newcastle Investment Corp); EG Group; Fortress Investment Group LLC; Gabelli Asset Management, Inc.; the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte Ltd; Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.; HPS Investment Partners, LLC; Hudson Advisors, LLC; Neuberger Berman Group LLC; New Fortress Energy, LLC; New Senior Investment Group Inc.; Nuveen Investments, Inc.; OneMain Holdings, Inc.; PIMCO; PotlatchDeltic Corp.; Prospect Capital Corporation; Qatar Investment Authority; Queensland Investment Corporation; Rithm Capital Corp. (f/k/a New Residential Investment Corp.); Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.; Silver Creek Capital Management; Swank Capital, LLC; and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield.

Mr. Gianou has been repeatedly selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA*. He has also been honored as one of *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers and 500 Leading Real Estate Lawyers (for his REIT work), ranked as Highly Regarded in *ITR World Tax* and named one of *Law360*'s Rising Stars, which recognizes top "attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments transcend their age."