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Education

J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo
School of Law, 1998

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Bar Admissions

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Associations

Vice Chair, Board of Directors,
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Vered Rabia is active in representing clients in all areas of the firm's real estate practice, including acquisitions, dispositions, developments, financings, restructurings, partnerships and joint ventures, lodging and restaurant development and management, real estate debt and equity fund formations and distressed asset workouts and reorganizations. Ms. Rabia's clients have included, among others, Empire State Development, Brookfield Property Partners, Qatar Investment Authority, Shed NYC, TPG Capital, Formation Capital, AIR Communities, AIMCO, Senior Resource Group, Starwood Capital Group, Dajia Insurance Group, Silverstein Properties, André Balazs, Ian Schrager and the Estate of Leona M. Helmsley.

Ms. Rabia is representing the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in its \$13 billion plan to redesign John F. Kennedy International Airport, as well as Empire State Development and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in renovations to, and the redevelopment of, Penn Station. In addition, Ms. Rabia represented Moynihan Station Development Corp. and Empire State Development in connection with the redevelopment of the Farley Post Office building into the Moynihan Train Hall. The approximately \$3 billion project created a new train hall for LIRR and Amtrak passengers, increasing floor space in the Pennsylvania Station-Farley Complex by more than 50%. Additionally, the building is home to nearly 700,000 square feet of commercial, retail and dining space. For several years, she has represented Shed NYC in the development of New York's first arts center of its kind, bridging the High Line and Hudson Yards, featuring a telescoping shell on rails that will allow the structure to expand or contract to accommodate performance, visual arts, events and other works.

Other recent representative transactions include advising investors in connection with multiple workouts on behalf of both borrowers and lenders of single-asset and portfolio-based financings; a \$4.2 billion financing of industrial properties; investors in connection with a \$992 million financing of a portfolio of industrial properties; investors in connection with the acquisition of \$1.3 billion of debt facilities; the Qatar Investment Authority in its acquisition of the St. Regis Hotel in New York, the Park Lane Hotel in New York and a residential development in California; and AIR Communities in its \$10 billion acquisition and privatization by Blackstone. Other clients Ms. Rabia has advised include Alexandria Real Estate in its ground lease from New York City for the development of the East River Science Park, the first private bioscience project in the city.

Ms. Rabia has represented numerous funds in connection with their formation, capital raising, subscription financing and restructurings, including Ares Management (formerly known as AREA Property Partners), RREEF America and BlackRock Realty, and advises major lending institutions, including Deutsche Bank and Fortress Investments, and borrowers in the origination of mortgage loans, securitized real estate loans, mezzanine loans, construction loans and unsecured revolving credit facilities.

In addition, Ms. Rabia is active in *pro bono* work, representing nonprofit Dream (f/k/a Harlem RBI) in developing several new high school buildings. In recognition of her work, Ms. Rabia has been repeatedly recognized in *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, as well as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America and 500 Leading Global Real Estate Lawyers. She has also been named a Lawyers in Real Estate Award winner by ConnectCRE and a Real Estate MVP by Law360, selected to *Crain's New York Business*' inaugural Leading Women Lawyers in New York City list and honored multiple times as one of *Real Estate Forum's* Women of Influence.