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Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2015

B.A., Dartmouth College, 2010

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Cody Ruegger advises developers, management companies, public companies, REITs, institutional investors, private equity funds, sovereign wealth funds, high-net-worth individuals, landlords and tenants on commercial real estate matters, including portfolio and single-asset acquisitions and dispositions, restructurings, financings, joint ventures, ground leases and office leases.

Mr. Ruegger's experience includes representing:

- Silverstein Properties in connection with the approximately 1.65-million-square-foot redevelopment of Tower 2 at the World Trade Center
- ALDI in connection with its plan to open more than 225 new store locations in 2025 as part of the next phase of its five-year national growth strategy, including a related transaction to divest approximately 170 Winn-Dixie and Harveys Supermarket stores that are not part of the ALDI conversion plan
- JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in:
  - its acquisition of a $148 million participation interest in a loan secured by a Florida shopping mall from an institutional lender
  - originating a multi-property mortgage and mezzanine construction loan and revolving manufactured home acquisition loan
  - the $455 million financing to affiliates of W.P. Carey in connection with the spin-off of its office real estate portfolio
- a sovereign wealth fund in connection with approximately $950 million of financing for portfolios of industrial assets and $398 million of financing for a portfolio of transportation assets
- AIR in its joint venture with Blackstone for a $510 million portfolio of multifamily properties and related $395 million securitized financing
- APL Group in securing a multi-property revolving construction loan facility of up to $150 million
- Brookfield Properties in its approximately 222,000-square-foot lease to 660 Fifth Avenue anchor tenant Macquarie Group
- Brookfield Properties in the $153 million mortgage and mezzanine refinancing of Washington, D.C.'s Victor Building
- MSD Partners in connection with:
  - $619 million and $198 million construction loans for The Knox mixed-use development project in Dallas
  - its $400 million fee acquisition of Four Seasons Hualalai resort, together with a related $235 million acquisition financing
- PRADA USA Corp. in its $425 million acquisition of 724 Fifth Avenue in New York City

- Safehold, Inc. in various acquisition/ground leaseback transactions, including for laboratory and mall condominium units in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Strategic Hotels & Resorts in the sales of the Four Seasons Jackson Hole, Four Seasons Scottsdale and Montage Laguna Beach resort hotels
- Toll Brothers, Inc. in:
  - a $750 million development platform joint venture with Equity Residential
  - a joint venture with Sculptor for urban high-rise condominium communities

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Ruegger assisted a metals manufacturer in the acquisition and ground lease of an aluminum rolling mill and related real estate, and a developer in the acquisition of an art deco skyscraper in Manhattan.

Mr. Ruegger also maintains an active *pro bono* practice. He has advised New York Restoration Project in connection with its stewardship of various parks and related public amenities in New York City.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Ruegger was honored as one of Commercial Real Estate's Aspiring Leaders of 2024 by *GlobeSt.* and has been repeatedly selected by *Best Lawyers* as one of its Ones To Watch in America.