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OVERVIEW

David Ehrenwerth is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He focuses on a wide range of business matters and is particularly active in the fields of real estate development, finance, partnership syndications, corporate transactions, and the structuring of complex domestic and international joint ventures and limited partnerships. He has represented numerous real estate developers, closely-held entities, family-owned businesses, investment groups, and lenders. His practice also includes structuring and representing entities that undertake significant urban development projects, including the repositioning of shopping centers and residential areas.

In addition, he has represented major hospitals and medical practices, foundations, entertainment ventures, and economic development organizations. David has chaired both the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Committee on Real Estate Finance and the Real Property Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association and has frequently lectured on real estate and business topics.

David initially joined K&L Gates in 1974 and was elected to partnership in 1979. He served for over a decade on the firm's overall management committee and as managing partner for the Pittsburgh office. He returned to the firm in 2013 after serving from 2010-2012, by Presidential appointment, as Associate Commissioner of the United States Public Buildings Service and previously as Regional Administrator of the General Services Administration.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Pittsburgh, PA
  - Economic Development Law, 2027
  - Real Estate Law, 2023-2027

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

David has served as chairman of the Board of Montefiore University Hospital and has also served on the boards of Presbyterian University Hospital, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Pennsylvania Board of Vocational Rehabilitation and the American Jewish Committee's National Board of Governors. He also has served as President of the Harvard Law School Association of Western Pennsylvania.

He has been a member of Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council and a long-time Board member of the Pennsylvania Economy League. David is the immediate past Chair of the Board of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and served on the Board of Neighborhood Legal Services Association. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation.

Long active in political affairs, David has advised numerous candidates and elected officials on a wide range of policy issues and has served on transition teams for two of Pennsylvania's Governors. He currently serves as co-chair of the Thornburgh Forum on Law and Public Policy at the University of Pittsburgh.

Named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list for several years, David was also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023 for work in Real Estate Law. In addition, David also is a fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Association. David has received the State of Israel Bonds Legal Division Award for distinguished service to the legal profession and the Jewish and civic communities of the Tri-State Area. He also was the recipient of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Jewish Committee's Human Relations Award for his efforts in support of international and intergroup relations.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE

By Presidential appointment, David served from 2010 to 2012 as Associate Commissioner of the United States Public Buildings Service and previously as Regional Administrator of the General Services Administration. As Associate Commissioner, David helped oversee the Federal Government's national real estate portfolio of almost 400,000,000 square feet located in 10,000 properties. The Public Buildings Service is one of the largest and most diversified real estate organizations in the world. David also served as the Agency's Senior Recovery Act Official in which capacity he oversaw the expenditure of the $5.5 billion dollars allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the construction and energy-efficient renovation of a wide range of Federal buildings throughout the country.

Prior to joining K&L Gates, David served as an Assistant Attorney General of Pennsylvania and as Assistant Counsel for the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. He also served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1972
- B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1969 *(Phi Beta Kappa; magna cum laude; Senior Man of the Year)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 2 December 2019, A Winning Combination: Uncle Sam's Excess Property Inventory and the Opportunity Zone Tax Incentive
- 13 August 2019, Making Federal Property Sales Move FASTA: New Legislation Creates Significant Real Estate Development Opportunities

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Brett Murphy, Katelyn Polantz talk court ethics and judicial journalism at Pitt Law School," *The Pitt News*, 13 September 2024

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Commercial Ownership, Leasing, and Management
- Corporate Governance
- Global Location Strategies
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
- Major Infrastructure: Projects and Public-Private Partnerships
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Policy and Law
- Real Estate Development and Construction

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Syndication of numerous limited partnerships to develop and operate commercial and residential properties
- Refinancing of portfolio of shopping centers and related partnership rearrangements

- Development and sale of regional mall, including partnership and financial issues
- Sale of controlling interest in substantial financial services company
- Sale of mixed-use office complex and related financial and ownership structure planning
- Restructuring of multiple family owned real estate holdings including formation of family partnerships and joint ventures
- Leasing and sale of medical office facility including related operational matters