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Michael Scheffler concentrates his practice on the construction and renovation of office buildings, retail stores, data centers and other facilities, and property management and building operation matters. Michael advises investment banks, retail store chains, and real estate firms with respect to:

- major development projects in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, and Asia
- preparation of suite of template design and construction agreements tailored for specific client requirements
- construction disputes
- property management and building operation agreements
- procurement of materials and equipment

Michael co-authors articles on construction and other real estate topics that appear in industry journals and national publications including:

- “Owner Remedies in Construction Agreements” (*Real Estate Finance*)
- “Why Owners Should Care about Subcontracts held by Construction Managers” (*Commercial Property Executive*)
- “Improving the Process – Construction Contracting and Project Administration Can be Easier” (*Corporate Real Estate Leader*)
- “Protecting Owners in Private Construction Projects from Unfavorable Provisions in State Prompt Payment Acts” (*Real Estate Finance*)
- “Sept. 11 Impacted Risk of Loss Doctrine” (*New York Law Journal*)

Outside The Firm

Michael is the recipient of a National Leadership Award presented by UJA-Federation, and is the past chair of UJA's Larchmont/Mamaroneck Division. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Child Care Association.

Michael is the President of the Hillels of Westchester.

Select Engagements

- Construction of 2.3 million sq. ft. global headquarters in New York City for international investment bank.
- Development of 1.5 million sq. ft. office building and campus for international investment bank.
- Advised international investment bank on major construction projects in Europe and Asia.
- Represented a world-renowned chef/proprietor of a restaurant in Napa Valley, California, in connection with lease, construction and partnership matters for his four-star restaurant in New York City.
- Development of tallest office building in New Jersey and related improvements, including pier and ferry terminal, underground garage, park, and site improvements.
- Acquisition from a renowned commercial real estate developer of a warehouse under construction for a home furnishings manufacturer.

Admissions

- New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- Clark University, BA, cum laude
- New York University School of Law, JD

Professional Activities

Michael serves on the "Smart Cities" Working Group of the Accord Project, an organization dedicated to promoting the wide adoption of "smart" legal contracts, utilizing blockchains and other innovative technologies.

Michael is a member of Blank Rome's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.