



Michael J. Leon

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Michael Leon is a real estate attorney focusing on commercial real estate transactions and guiding clients through complex deals from acquisition and redevelopment to sale. He is skilled in negotiating and drafting critical legal documents, including purchase and sale agreements, commercial contracts, finance documentation, and lease agreements.

With a keen eye for detail and a deep understanding of the industry, Michael provides comprehensive legal counsel throughout the entire real estate process. He has experience in due diligence, approvals, title work, and closing procedures, making him a trusted partner for clients.

He began his legal career with internships at the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and the Honorable Jose R. Almone, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court. Additionally, he was a summer associate with the firm for two years, further honing his legal skills.

Michael's commitment to diversity and inclusion is evident in his past roles, including serving as Vice President of the Minority Student Program Student Ambassador program at Rutgers Law School and contributing to the *Race and the Law Journal*.

Memberships

- The Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce - Member

Articles

- Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Newsletter - August 2025, 8/12/2025
- Navigating New Challenges Along the Road to Warehouse Development in New Jersey, 8/11/2025
- Preparing for Round 4: What Developers and Property Owners Need to Know About New Jersey's Latest Affordable Housing Obligations, 8/11/2025
- Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Newsletter - April 2025, 4/24/2025
- Navigating the New Jersey Ground Water Quality Standards Changes: Key Impacts and Considerations - *New Jersey Law Journal*, 4/14/2025
- Compliance with NJNCMDL Notice Requirements: Lessons from Willow Ridge Apartments Ruling, 10/31/2024

Michael J. Leon Cont.

- Commercial Projects: Contractor Dos and Don'ts Prior To, During, and Following the Last Day of Work, 10/31/2024
- Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Newsletter - October 2024, 10/31/2024

Practices

- Real Estate

Area of Focus

- Land Use and Redevelopment
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Property and Business Transactions

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2024

Court Admissions

- New Jersey Supreme Court, 2024

Education

- *Rutgers Law School*
J.D., 2024
- *John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
B.A., 2015

Clerkships & Internships

- Intern, New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (2023)
- Judicial Intern, Honorable Jose R. Almone, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court (2023)

Languages

- Spanish