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#### **OUR APPROACH**

Three core values form the cornerstone of Stradley Ronon's real estate practice.

Responsiveness. By its nature, a transactional practice operates 24/7. Our clients receive a total commitment from our real estate team to meet even the most ambitious deadlines. Our clients have complete access to our attorneys, no matter the stage of the deal or time of the day.

**Pragmatism.** We know that time and other resources are limited, and we are aware that while some issues are deal breakers, most are not. In each situation, we proceed in the way that best reflects our client's priorities.

**Client Focus.** We know that our primary job is to help our clients achieve their goals. We approach every matter – every task – with the client first in mind. Our clients know that we take their success very personally.



### **OUR SERVICES**

Our attorneys represent clients on a full range of issues, including:

- Acquisition and disposition
- Capital structures, including debt, equity and tax credits
- Commercial leasing
- Condemnation
- Condominiums and other planned communities
- Construction
- Energy and regulatory matters
- Environmental
- Finance, including creditors' rights, restructuring and workouts

- Joint ventures and other combinations
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution
- Mixed-use development and leasing
- Private fund formation, offerings and governance
- Real estate taxation, including appeals, exemptions and transfer tax
- Shopping center development and leasing
- Zoning and land use

# **OUR REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS**

- Advising a private investment fund in connection with its acquisition of a Class-A, trophy office building in Center City Philadelphia, including advice on transfer tax mitigation strategies, debt financing and complex title issues. The property was part of a condominium, which in turn was part of a master plan encompassing a full city block. Stradley also has continued its representation after closing in connection with the landlord's lease-up of vacant office space at the property.
- Serving as counsel to a nonprofit health system in connection with the acquisition and development of a 60-acre site, which included obtaining zoning, subdivision and land development approvals for a masterplanned, age-restricted mixed-use community of nearly

- 300 townhouse and mid-rise residential condominium units, approximately 500 residential mid-rise apartment units, a 40,000-square-foot medical office building and a 20,000-square-foot community center.
- Representing the developer and owner of a \$160
  million mixed-use project in West Philadelphia involving
  several levels of equity investment, debt financing and new
  markets tax credit financing, and the creation of a complex
  condominium structure.
- Representing an investment group in connection with the acquisition, financing and branding of three previously independent hotels situated in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

#### **OUR CLIENTS**

Our clients include all segments of the real estate industry, such as:

- Apartment, retail and office investors, developers and operators
- Commercial and Investment Banks
- Construction Companies
- · Government Agencies

- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospitality and Leisure Companies
- Medical Institutions
- Private Debt and Equity Funds
- Property Management Companies
- Public/Private Partnerships
- REITs



# Radnor Property Group Continues Expansion in University City

Stradley represented affiliates of Radnor Property Group in connection with the development of a parcel at Drexel University. The project consists of a 16-story mixed-use tower including a 180-person early- learning child care center and 164 market-rate apartments. Our team represented the client in all phases of this transaction, including a long-term ground lease with Drexel University, a sublease with a child care operator, and debt and equity structuring and negotiation.

#### **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

Our real estate lawyers are soughtafter speakers at industry conferences, seminars and symposiums and regularly contribute to industry publications. We are members and directors of numerous industry organizations, including:

- Builders' League of South Jersey, Environmental and Redevelopment Committee
- Center City (Philadelphia) District
- Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court
- Drexel University, Real Estate Advisory Council
- Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Arts and Business Council
- International Council of Shopping Centers
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Site Remediation Advisory Group
- · Real Share
- Urban Land Institute

## We take great pride in having helped clients in various real estate matters, including:

- Assisting a nonprofit corporation by successfully defending a challenge to a zoning variance permitting the development of low-income senior housing, ultimately arguing before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and obtaining a ruling in favor of the development.
- Representing a major regional port operator in connection with a long-term lease and development agreement pertaining to a new state-of-the-art port terminal facility in Paulsboro, New Jersey.
- Acting as environmental and energy counsel to a New Jersey municipality involving the investigation and remediation of over 20 brownfields sites, negotiation of redevelopment agreements, the quieting of title to

- 12 orphan alleys to enable redevelopment of city blocks, and negotiation of a contract for a 1 million watt solar project on a municipal building.
- Representing a hospital system in connection with its cash acquisition of 30 acres for development of a mixeduse medical office and commercial office center, including advice on predevelopment strategy.
- Representing a regional bank in connection with over \$200 million in development and construction financing for the redevelopment of iconic properties in Center City Philadelphia.



For more information on our Real Estate practice, visit **www.stradley.com/realestate.** 



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#### **ABOUT STRADLEY RONON**

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#### **LOCATIONS**

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