



## Jeffrey H. Kaufman

*Partner*

[jkaufman@herrick.com](mailto:jkaufman@herrick.com)

(212) 592-1409 PHONE

(212) 545-3345 FAX

Jeffrey Kaufman has a broad range of experience in real estate development, finance and banking.

He represents major institutional lenders and private developers in construction lending, industrial development bond financing, hospital financing, leveraged buyouts, sale-leaseback transactions, convertible mortgage transactions, and real estate financings and workouts.

Prior to joining Herrick, Jeffrey was an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP and before that, assistant general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

### Services

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Finance

### Education

- Hofstra University School of Law (J.D., 1974)
- Colgate University

### Matters

#### **Sky Harbour Group - Financing & Ground Leasing for Aviation Hangars - Texas**

Represented Sky Harbour Group in connection with its ground lease of development parcels at Sugar Land Regional Airport in Sugar Land, Texas, for private aviation hangars as well as the construction financing for the hangars.

#### **Metropolitan Commercial Bank - \$16 Million Mortgage Loan**

Represented Metropolitan Commercial Bank in a \$16 million loan to a major New York real estate developer for property in Colts Neck, New Jersey.

#### **Bank Leumi - Manhattan Acquisition and Construction Loan**

Represented Bank Leumi USA in connection with a \$48 million acquisition loan and subsequent construction loan for a residential property at 306 East 86th Street in Manhattan.

#### **Bank Leumi - \$90 Million Construction Loan**

Represented Bank Leumi USA in a \$90M construction loan to a subsidiary of ASRR Capital Ltd., a publicly-traded Israeli company, for the development of a 12-story luxury condominium tower in Surfside, Florida.

#### **Mizuho Corporate Bank - \$1 Billion Mortgage Refinance**

Represented Mizuho Corporate Bank in a complex refinancing of approximately \$1 billion in mortgage debt encumbering 650 Madison Avenue and 150 East 42nd Street in New York, and 20 North Clark Street in Chicago.

#### FL Condominium Developer - \$300 Million Construction Loan Facility

Represented one of Florida's largest condominium developers in a \$300 million construction loan facility for eight condominium projects together with a corporate restructuring and a simultaneous \$90 million buyout of a major joint venture partner.

#### Investment Bank - \$250 Million Construction Loan Syndication

Represented an investment bank in syndicating a \$250 million construction loan originally held as a portfolio loan, and in converting a portion of the loan to mezzanine financing.

#### Metropolitan National Bank - Formation and General Outside Counsel

Herrick formed—and continues to serve as outside general counsel to—[Metropolitan National Bank](#). Please click [here](#) for an in-depth description of our work for the bank.

#### Bank Leumi - Mortgage Financing

Represented Bank Leumi in its \$210 million mortgage financing to a joint venture between Israel-based IDB Holding Corp. and Midtown Holdings, for the purchase of the HSBC Tower located at 452 Fifth Avenue.

#### Real Estate Developer - Sale of Otis Elevator Building

Represented a real estate developer in the \$80 million sale of Manhattan's historic Otis Elevator Building to a major REIT, the negotiation of a long-term ground lease for the property, and related mortgage loan amendments.

#### Atalaya Capital Management - \$15 Million Mezz Loan for NJ Boutique Hotel

Represented Atalaya Capital Management LP in connection with a \$15 million mezzanine construction loan to an affiliate of Kushner Companies for the development of the Pier Hotel, a 67-key boutique beachfront hotel and spa in Long Branch, NJ.

#### G4 Capital Partners - \$11 Million Mortgage Loan

Represented G4 Capital Partners in an \$11 million mortgage loan secured by properties in Manhattan and Queens, as well as zoning matters pertaining to tax lot subdivisions.

#### E&H Members LLC - Acquisition & Environmental Due Diligence for New Jersey Whole Foods

Represented E & H Members LLC in the acquisition of 104 & 110 Washington Street, Morristown, NJ. The transaction involved a triple net leased Whole Foods, a 1031 exchange and the purchase of extensive environmental insurance related to environmental concerns stemming from a former dry cleaner.

#### BRT Realty Trust - Tennessee and Florida Residential Developments

Represented BRT Realty Trust, a publicly traded REIT, in the financing and refinancing of a chain of residential developments in Tennessee and Florida owned and operated by Steven Green. The series of transactions is worth several hundred million dollars. Herrick has represented the Gould family and its related entities for over 50 years.

#### Glacier Global Partners - Minneapolis Mortgage Loan

Represented Glacier Global Partners in a mortgage loan secured by a mall in Minneapolis, MN.

#### Private Banking Transaction

Represented a major bank in a private banking transaction in which the bank made two \$25 million loans to an individual and certain entities he controls. The first was secured by a pledge of membership interest in three entities that own properties in Brooklyn. The second was secured by mortgages on certain real property

## Publications

March 19, 2020

Coronavirus and Considerations for Real Estate Transactions

March 19, 2020

Coronavirus and Considerations for Real Estate Transactions: LENDING