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Brendan Schmitt is a partner in Herrick's Real Estate Department.

Brendan practices in all facets of real estate law with a focus on real estate development and construction law, representing owners, developers and lenders in contract drafting, negotiation and review, general counseling and development advisory services. Brendan works with property owners and developers through all phases of the building process, beginning prior to acquisition through project completion, advising clients on a diverse range of matters, including construction contracts, risk management and neighboring property construction license agreements.

Brendan works closely with real estate developers to maximize construction cost and time efficiencies. He regularly advises developers on construction manager and subcontractor selection, construction sequencing and administration, issues involving the protection of neighboring properties, and regulatory compliance and approvals.

In 2024 Brendan was selected for inclusion in the 2024 *Lawdragon* 500 X – The Next Generation Guide. Lawyers in this guide are lauded for their leadership and are described as being on the forefront of the legal profession "infusing fresh thought, ideas and relevance." Brendan was recently recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2025 for Construction Law. In 2021, Brendan was named one of Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* which rates outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Additionally, Brendan served as a member of *Law360's* 2021 Construction Editorial Advisory Board. The board provided feedback on *Law360's* coverage and insight on how best to shape future coverage.

While attending Fordham University School of Law, Brendan served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Debra Freeman of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

Services

- Real Estate
- Construction and Development
- Real Estate Development
- Affordable Housing & Community Development
- Real Estate Tax Incentive Programs
- Industrial Property Transactions and Redevelopment
- Real Estate Hospitality
- Distressed Real Estate
- Insurance & Reinsurance

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.S., *magna cum laude*)

Recognitions and Accolades

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Construction Law (2025)
- *Lawdragon 500 X* - The Next Generation (2024)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America (2021)
- *Thomson Reuters New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star* - Real Estate (2021 - 2022)
- *New York Real Estate Journal*, "Ones to Watch" (2019)[Award Methodology](#)

Memberships & Associations

- New York County Lawyer's Association, Co-Chair Construction Law Committee
- *Law360* Construction Editorial Board, Member (2021)