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Steven Sinacori has broad experience in both land use and transactional real estate matters. He has represented numerous clients before the Board of Standards and Appeals, the City Planning Commission, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Department of Buildings, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and numerous other government agencies. Steven previously served as Counsel and Compliance Officer to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals, which functions as the City's local land-use review and relief agency. Steven advised the Board as to the interpretation of the New York City Zoning Resolution and coordinated public hearings. He has also served as Director of Appointments in the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York, representing the Mayor at public events and meetings and serving as a liaison to various elected officials and communities. In his transactional practice, Steven represents developers in the acquisition and financing of residential and commercial development sites.

Notable Work

- Representation of client in multi-block rezoning for New York Hospital Queens, which permitted the development of multiple hospital buildings and a parking garage.
- Representation of client in rezoning of a full block development site located in the Bronx, New York, which facilitated the creation of a 700,000 square foot mixed-use development with 600 units of affordable housing and retail.
- Representation of Macy's, Inc. in a Special Permit application for a 50,000 square foot furniture store.
- Representation of client in common law vested rights case for a large development site consisting of 36 two-family duplex homes.

Areas of Experience

New York Land Use and Zoning
Real Estate
Affordable and Workforce Housing
Economic Development and Incentives
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Real Estate Financing
Commercial Leasing and Development
Land Use and Development
Lease Restructuring and Workouts

Education

J.D., The City University of New York School of Law, 1996
B.S., St. John's University, 1992

Admissions

Bars

New York

Related Content

Akerman Represents Multi-Stakeholder Team in Healthy Living Mixed-Use Redevelopment in Brooklyn, New York
March 15, 2023

Akerman Partner Steven Sinacori Quoted in *The Real Deal* Article
June 06, 2022

Akerman Files *Amici Curiae* in Support of City of New York in Rezoning Appeal to Supreme Court of the State of New York
July 29, 2020

- Representation of client in rezoning of a large parcel of land formerly owned by the City of New York which facilitated 88 units of affordable housing and a retail component.

Related Professional Experience

- New York City Board of Standards and Appeals, Counsel and Compliance Officer
- City of New York, Office of the Mayor, Director of Appointments

Affiliations

- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, Member
- Community Board No. 7, Queens, Past Member