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With more than three decades of national experience in a broad range of real estate transactions, Samuel Zylberberg is a leading authority in the representation of financial institutions, private equity funds and real estate investors in real estate financing transactions (including balance sheet, CMBS, mezzanine, preferred equity, construction, multi-asset and multi-state loans), debt restructurings, and joint ventures. He also regularly advises purchasers and sellers in single-asset and multi-asset acquisitions and dispositions of a wide range of commercial properties.

Samuel's leasing experience includes the representation of landlords and tenants in the leasing of office, retail, hotel, sports arena, and other commercial properties.

Notable Work

Various Financings: Represented Brookfield Asset Management, Fortress Investment Group, Morgan Stanley, Atalaya Capital Management, Citi and Goldman Sachs, among others, in many billions of dollars of financing (and workout/restructures).

Atalaya Capital Management: Representing Atalaya Capital Management in numerous transactions including its construction financing (as lender) and preferred equity investment in a joint venture to construct the flagship Ritz Carlton Hotel in Manhattan.

Fortress: Represented Fortress in numerous transactions including in its (i) multi-step acquisition and financing of the Shore Club Hotel in Miami Beach, FL, (ii) acquisition of an existing condominium property from all of its owners for the redevelopment as a new condominium in Sunny Isles, FL, and (iii) refinancing (as lender) of a residential/retail tower overlooking Central Park, New York, which will be the tallest residential tower in the United States.

CL Investment Group: Represented CL Investment Group in its joint venture investment in several major Mid-town Manhattan

Areas of Experience

Real Estate
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Real Estate Financing
Commercial Leasing and Development
Distressed and Special Assets
Distressed Property
Project Finance and Development

Education

J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1987,
Fordham Law Review
B.S., Brooklyn College, 1983, magna cum laude

Admissions

Bars

New York

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development transactions including with Extell Development Company (94th and Third Ave) and Magnum Real Estate Group (Post Portfolio).

Brookfield Asset Management Inc.: Represented Brookfield Asset Management Inc. and its affiliates in their (i) \$14.4 billion acquisition of the approximately 66 percent of common stock of GGP Inc. (f/k/a General Growth Properties Inc.) not already owned, (ii) \$2.8 billion acquisition of all of the outstanding common shares of Rouse Properties, Inc. not already owned (n/k/a Brookfield Properties).

Lindsay Goldberg: Represented Lindsay Goldberg in its sale to (i) Choice Hotels of the WoodSpring Suites brand for \$231 million, including the management of 240 extended-stay hotels in 35 states and (ii) Brookfield Asset Management of 107 WoodSpring Suites properties for \$767.7 million.

General Electric/NBC: Represented GE/NBC in its sale of 30 Rockefeller Plaza to Comcast.

Amazon Facility Lease: Represented client in the purchase of a one million square foot distribution facility in central Florida leased to Amazon.

Providence Equity Partners: Represented Providence Equity Partners in its NYC headquarters lease at 9 West 57th street in midtown Manhattan.

General Electric: Represented GE in various leases including its lease, as tenant, at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, and of a technology center in Masdar City, Abu Dhabi.

Continuum Health Partners: Represented Continuum Health Partners in the sale of its landlord interest in a ground lease at 1080 Amsterdam Avenue, NYC.

Century 21 Department Store: Represented Century 21 Department Store lease from Vornado Realty Trust of retail space at Queens Center NYC and Paramus Mall, New Jersey.

Museum of Jewish Heritage: Represented Museum of Jewish Heritage in its ground lease of land from the Port Authority for construction of the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Kodak: Represented Kodak in a lease for portions of Eastman Business Park in Rochester, New York.

New York Racing Association: Represented New York Racing Association in its lease from New York State of its racetracks at Belmont, Saratoga, and Aqueduct.

Affiliations

- Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2020-2025, Listed in New York for Real Estate Law
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2008-2011, 2015-2020, Listed in New York for Real Estate: Business
- *International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000*, 2016-2020, 2023-2024, Listed as a “Notable Practitioner” for Real Estate Acquisitions and Real Estate Finance