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Main Bio

Judith Lajoie brings more than 30 years of experience in commercial finance and real estate finance. She previously served as vice president and general counsel to a large state-chartered bank and financial services company, where she supervised complex commercial litigation, served as counsel to the line and special assets bankers, and oversaw compliance with banking regulations, policies and procedures.

In addition, Judith has extensive experience in private practice, managing a variety of real estate and related transactional matters. She has represented institutional lenders, public homebuilders, developers and landlords in all aspects of commercial real estate lending, development and leasing, including build to suits, government leasing and structured finance, construction and permanent lending (including mezzanine and equity financing) and loan workouts.

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University (J.D., cum laude)
- Cornell University (B.S., Child Psychology, with honors)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Arbitration Association, Mediator and Arbitrator (Commercial and Construction Panels) (2008-Present)
- Mentor to Denver University Law Student (Present)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- The Unmarried Couple's Legal Handbook, Co-Author, Dell Publishing (1981)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell®
- Who's Who in America (2020)
- Woman Leader of Excellence, Colorado Easter Seals (1995)
- Athena Award, Alliance of Professional Women (2000)

Community Involvement

- Cherry Creek Arts Festival/CherryArts, Incoming Board Chair (Present)

- Colorado Public Radio Community Advisory Board, Chair (Present)
- Wonderbound Dance Company, Board Member (2020)
- Center for Women's Health Research, Committee Member (Past)
- The Foundation for the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Board Member (Past)
- The Alliance of Professional Women and the Alliance Foundation, President and Board Member (Past)
- Colorado Contemporary Dance, Past President and Board Member (Past)
- Colorado Women's Leadership Coalition (Past)

Other Professional Experience

- CoBIZ Financial, Inc./CoBIZ Bank, Vice President and General Counsel (2009-2019)
- Judith E. Lajoie, P.C., Sole Practitioner (2007-2019)
- M.D.C. Holdings/Richmond American Homes, Vice President of Law - Deputy to General Counsel (2002-2007)
- Senn Visciano & Kirschenbaum, P.C., Of Counsel (2001-2002)
- Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, Assistant Vice President and Associate Counsel - Investment Division (1991-2002)
- Sherman & Howard, Partner, Real Estate/Business (1984-1991)
- Brownstein Hyatt Farber, Associate, Real Estate and Banking (1982-1984)
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Staff Attorney (1981)
- Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, Second Department, Judicial Clerk (1980-1981)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- New York

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- Appellate Division, Second Department of the New York State Supreme Court