



## Jason Labate

Jason's practice areas include real estate and community development, nonprofit formation and governance and real estate and project finance. He also provides legal expertise for the Joint Ownership Entity (JOE NYC), a "first-of-its-kind" nonprofit collaboration of New York City affordable housing community development corporations for which Jason and the Goldstein Hall team were awarded the prestigious NYU Grunin Prize for Law and Social Entrepreneurship. Jason also co-authored an article on JOE NYC, which was published in The Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. Recently, Jason closed on JOE NYC's multi-building solar project, which is expected to create approximately 700,000 kW/h of clean energy per year and lower operating costs.

Jason has been integral in developing the Firm's Faith-Based Practice Group, which works with faith-based organizations to protect assets, evaluate options, and maximize real property. He is a frequent panelist and guest speaker on faith-based and nonprofit issues, presenting at, among other venues, the Manhattan Borough President's Religious Facilities Task Force and leading the Firm's collaboration with the New York State Council of Churches' (NYSCC) Who is My Neighbor seminars. Jason was also one of three recipients of this year's NYSCC's Community Development Award and serves as co-chair of Bricks and Mortals, an association, and soon to be incorporated nonprofit, that fosters education and collaboration among faith-based organizations, community stakeholders and real property experts. He led the Firm's participation in the LISC NYLOP predevelopment grant program for Mission Driven Organizations and is working with the Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative to help establish its structure and predevelopment grant process and resources.

Jason oversees the New Rochelle office and led the Firm's partnership with the Pace Land Use Law Center in offering the Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit, which has run since 2016. Jason has established relationships with new clients in the Hudson Valley and helped existing clients expand their work into Westchester County.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Jason spent 10 years serving nonprofits and public agencies in a non-legal capacity. He was a New York City Urban Fellow from 2004-05. He has a bachelor's degree with honors in Public Policy from the University of Chicago, a Master of Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School, and was a Sparer Public Interest Fellow at Brooklyn Law School, where he graduated cum laude.

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### Expertise

Real Estate and Community

Development Non-Profit

Formation and Governance

Banking and Finance

Corporate Formation and

Governance

## Special Initiatives

Faith Based Community Development  
Joint Ownership Entity (JOE NYC)

## Bar Admissions

The State of New York

## Education

Brooklyn Law School, J.D. cum laude, with Certificates  
in Real Estate Law and Business Law, 2012

New York University, Wagner School of Public Service,  
M.P.A., Specialization in Financial Management, 2008  
University of Chicago, B.A. Public Policy, with Honors,  
2002

## Community Support

New York City Urban Fellow Alumni Association Board  
Member & Treasurer

## Memberships

NYC Dance in Sacred Places Advisory Committee Bricks  
and Mortals Leadership Committee New York State Bar  
Association, Real Property Law Not-for-Profit Entities  
and Concerns Committee American Bar Association

## Awards

NYU Law Grunin Prize for Law and Social  
Entrepreneurship 2020 Brooklyn Law School Platinum  
Public Service Award 2012 CALI Award for Academic  
Excellence in Property Law Colloquium 2012 New York  
City Urban Fellow from 2004-2005 Mayor's Graduate  
Scholar from 2006-2008 Sparer Public Interest Law  
Fellow from 2009-2012

## Legal Presentations

Speaker, Faith Based Organizations and Opportunity –  
Collaborative Affordable Housing Development, NYC  
Bar Association, HUD Committee Meeting, March 2021

Speaker, ULI Westchester/Fairfield WLI Webinar – The  
Affordable Housing Series: Red Light, Green Light  
Financial Tools & the Impact on Residential  
Development, February 2021

Speaker, Community Board 10: Faith Based  
Development & Preservation in Central Harlem  
Conference, January 2018

Participant, Episcopal Diocese of New York Wardens  
Meeting: Real Property Options and Process, June 2017

Moderator, Faith-based community development event  
with ANHD and Manhattan Borough President, March  
2017

Presenter, New York Land Opportunity Program (NYLOP):  
Mission-driven Development, Queens, January 2017

Presenter, NYLOP: Mission-driven Development, Bronx,  
December 2016

Presenter, NYLOP: Mission-driven Development,  
Manhattan, November 2016

Presenter, NYLOP: Mission-driven Development, Brooklyn,  
October 2016

Presenter, Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, Non-  
Profit Governance: Issues of Capacity, October 2016

Presenter, Brooklyn Borough President, October 2016  
Organizer, Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit,  
March 2016

Presenter: Bridge Street Development, Faith-based  
Development, December 2015

Presenter: Brooklyn Borough President, Building Brooklyn  
Right, October 2015

Presenter: Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, Non-  
Profit Governance: Board Development, October 2015

## Publications

“Changing the Paradigm: Creating Scale and Keeping  
Local Expertise in Nonprofit Affordable Housing  
Development – How to Stop Competing with Fellow  
CDCs and Embrace a Joint Ownership Structure,” 27  
Journal of Affordable Housing and Community  
Development Law 3 (March 2019)