



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 leads the Firm's participation in the LISC NYLOP predevelopment grant program for Mission Driven Organizations and is working with the Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative support faith based affordable housing predevelopment.

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.

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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
20

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)