



## Michael A. Piette

### Retired

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### Profile

**Michael navigates the complex nuances of real estate law that can be quite challenging, even for the most sophisticated client.**

His substantial knowledge and broad experience with commercial real estate makes him uniquely qualified to counsel clients in all aspects of their real estate matters, including transactions involving:

- the acquisition, financing, development, leasing and tax deferred exchange of commercial real estate
- real estate titles
- low income housing tax credit transactions
- sophisticated financing transactions, including various loan and grant transactions involving industrial development agencies and/or Federal and State agencies, Michael has counseled and negotiated on behalf of lending institutions, not-for-profit entities and commercial owners.

His practice also involves:

- preparation of condominium offering plans
- environmental and land use regulation matters
- brownfield redevelopment

### Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021, Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law (listed for more than 10 years)
    - *Best Lawyers* Buffalo Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year, 2020
  - *Business First of Buffalo*, Who's Who in Law
  - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- Erie County Bar Association, Real Property Committee

### Representative Matters

- representation of a commercial lender in connection with construction financing for a loan in excess of \$57,000,000 for a mixed use hotel, office and parking

### Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D. 1980)
- State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A., *cum laude*, 1977)

### Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

garage facility which included an EB-5 component.

- representation of a commercial client in the redevelopment of a brownfield site into a multi-story office building including negotiation and counseling with regard to a ground lease and subleases, construction agreement negotiation and financing transaction with an industrial development agency, commercial lender and government grant agreements.

## Representative Publications

- Quoted in "Upstate rent control set to become an option," *The Daily Gazette*, June 14, 2019
- Quoted in "Title insurance protects homeowners," *Buffalo Law Journal*, November 20, 2017

## Other Activities

- Pinnacle Community Services, Board Member
- Newman Center at UB Parish, Member
- Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Ex-officio Director, 2015-2016
- Niagara Area Foundation, Board Chair, 2015-2016
- Family and Children's Service of Niagara, Inc., Board Chair; E. Marie Davis Volunteer Award, 2013
- Leadership Niagara, Skip Helfrich Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012
- University at Buffalo Law Alumni Association, Board Member, 2011-2014