



## Joseph F. Behot

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Joseph F. Behot, Jr. is a partner in the firm's Banking and Financial Services and Real Estate departments. His areas of practice include real estate, transactions, and financing matters. Joseph represents a number of New Jersey businesses, corporations, and real estate concerns, and he also represents several major commercial banks in loan transactions and asset recovery.

Joseph has represented parties to a wide variety of transactions and projects including the acquisition, disposition, and development of the real estate, the acquisition, and disposition of corporations and businesses, commercial real estate lending, equipment financing, asset-based lending, and general commercial lending. He serves as counsel to several corporations, including not-for-profit entities, counseling these clients on corporate governance and a wide variety of other issues.

## Practices

- Banking and Financial Services
- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Purchase and Sales Transactions
- Commercial Finance
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Not-for-Profit and Religious Organizations
- Zoning, Land Use and Permitting
- Commercial Real Estate Leasing

## Industries

- Construction
- Financial Institutions
- Real Estate

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- New York

## Education

- J.D., Seton Hall Law School, *cum laude*, 1976
- B.A., Lehigh University, Honors Degree, 1973

## Representative Experience

- Represented numerous real estate companies, financial institutions, and businesses in numerous sales, acquisitions, financings, and restructurings involving transactions throughout the United States.
- Represented parties to section 1031 for defense exchanges, membership redemptions, and transfers.
- Experience in lending covers commercial real estate, trade finance, middle market, and asset-based lending.

## Professional and Community Activities

- Member, American Bar Association, 1977—Present
- Member, New Jersey Bar Association, 1977—Present
- Member, Bergen County Bar Association, 1977—Present
- Chairman of the Board, Gill St. Bernard's School, 1997—2007
- Trustee, Gill St. Bernard's School, 1994—2007

## Honors and Awards

- Law Clerk, New Jersey Supreme Court, Honorable Richard J. Hyghes, Chief Justice
- Named “New Jersey Top Legal Minds” 2012

## Publications

- Lectured extensively for continuing legal education programs in Commercial Real Estate, Commercial Leasing, Foreclosure, and Loan Documentaries.