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Fred brings his over 20 years of experience in the practice of law in assisting his clients in the negotiation and completion of sophisticated and diverse commercial real estate and corporate/commercial transactions.

Commercial real estate services include:

- representing developers in the financing, acquisition and development of commercial real estate, including representing a client in its acquisition and development of 25+ acres of City of Toronto waterfront property
- negotiating and crafting sophisticated leasing agreements, including build-to-suit leases for commercial landlords, ground leases and retail leases in New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Los Angeles
- representing real estate investors with respect to the corporate and tax-planned reorganizations of their holdings, including structuring and representing them in the disposition of such real estate holdings
- representing real estate developers and landlords with all aspects of their development documents including co-ownership agreements, limited partnerships, management and development agreements, equity participation agreements and the like

Corporate/commercial services include:

- representing clients on sales, acquisitions, mergers and private investments involving both assets and/or shares
- representing corporate and business clients in their on-going legal commercial requirements, including the negotiation and completion of leasing arrangements, credit facility transactions, employment and management agreements and various other commercial documents
- representing corporate business clients with their corporate requirements, including corporate reorganizations (whether for tax or estate planning purposes), shareholders agreements and general corporate governance matters

Fred is known for his hard-working, dedicated and efficient work-style and combines that work ethic with uncompromising service to his clients and professionalism in his work. His corporate clients range from small family-based companies to international corporations.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- **Real Estate** - Commercial Development, Secured Transactions, Syndication, Leasing, Construction and Mortgage Remedies
- **Business Practices** - Corporate, Commercial Transactions, Mergers and Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, Partnership Matters, Shareholder Agreements and Venture Capital Transactions



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EDUCATION

- US Commercial Leasing Conference
- Called to the Ontario Bar, 1983
- Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B., 1981
- York University, B.A., 1977

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association
- York University Alumni Association

LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Lecturer for Investors' Group seminars
- Lecturer at various continuing education seminars on a variety of corporate/commercial topics