

Gregory J. Cava

Curriculum Vitae

PROFESSIONAL RATINGS AND HONORS BASED ON PEER REVIEW/NOMINATION

- **AV Preeminent** Rating from *Martindale Hubbell Law Directory*
- Listed in *Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*
- Named to Naifeh & Smith's *The Best Lawyers in America* Woodward & White¹
- Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)
- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA)
- Listed in Connecticut Super Lawyers 2007-2024²

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- **THE CAVA LAW FIRM LLC (2012-present)**
Gregory J. Cava, Attorney & Counselor at Law (2007-2012)
Principal (2007-present) in firm concentrating in land development law and practice providing turnkey legal services from acquisition through permitting, leasing, and end unit sales, zoning and land use proceedings and litigation, municipal law, commercial leasing, commercial and residential real estate transactions including acquisition, disposition and financing, real estate development and condominium documentation, community association representation, ad valorem tax appeals.
- **Zeldes Needle & Cooper, P.C. (1983-2007)**
 - Shareholder (a principal and equity owner) (1990-2007) practice concentrated in real estate development including acquisition and sale, financing, land use approvals, leasing, condominium law and development, community association law, and municipal law.
 - Associate Attorney (1983-1989) practice concentrated in residential and commercial real estate law, secured lending, real estate development,

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- condominium law and development, wills and estate planning
- Chairman, Community Association Practice Group [2002-2007]. Responsible for management of this practice group including supervision of associate and paralegal assigned to practice group, budgeting and fee management, and client development.
- Chairman, Real Estate and Environmental Law Practice Group [1998-2007].
- Vice Chairman, Transactional Department [1990-1998]
- **Quinnipiac University**
 - Adjunct Professor (2003-2004) teaching undergraduate course in media law.

EDUCATION

- *Undergraduate* - **Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts
 - Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude* with distinction in Philosophy in 1980
 - Elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*
 - Publisher of *The Boston University Review*
 - Trustee Scholar (full 4-year academic scholarship)
 - Winner of the Peter M. Nelson Prize in Philosophy 1980
 - Thesis on Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* and *Philosophy of Religion* and the utility of a Hegelian analysis in predicting outcomes for United States Supreme Court decisions on First Amendment religious freedom cases. Thesis defended before departmental faculty board of review
- *Graduate* - **Boston University School of Law**, Boston, Massachusetts
 - Juris Doctor in 1983
 - Elected Permanent President of the Class of 1983
 - Appointed as a Teaching Assistant for undergraduate courses in First Amendment constitutional law and the law of communications for undergraduate journalism and communications majors
 - Student Attorney in the law school's criminal defenders program where in cooperation with the local public defender's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts and under a special state law, acted as court-appointed legal counsel for indigent criminal defendants in the Cambridge Massachusetts District Court including representation from arraignment through trial on the merits before a District Court Judge
 - Won appointment to the *International Law Journal*
 - Problem Author for Stone Moot Court Competition (1982)
 - Stone and Albers (honors) Moot Court Competitions (1981)
 - Received highest marks in Trial Advocacy (1983)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut Bar [December 23, 1983]
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut [January 6, 1984]
- United States Tax Court [March 9, 1984]
- Second Circuit United States Court of Appeals [June 19, 1985]

- United States Supreme Court [June 15, 1987]

SERVICE ON BAR TASKFORCES

- CBA Task Force on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice 2007-2011
- CBA Taskforce on the Future of the Legal Profession 2005-2006
- CBA Taskforce on Attorneys Trust Accounts 2005-2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- President, **Shepaug Friends of Music** [2016-2018]
- Director, **Shepaug Friends of Music** [2015-2018]
- Director, **Housatonic Habitat for Humanity** [2008 - 2011]
- Chairman, **Roxbury Scholarship Awards Committee** [2006]
- Member, **Roxbury Scholarship Awards Committee** [2005 & 2006]
- Roxbury Honorary Chairman, **Relay for Life**, American Cancer Society [2006]

PROFESIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **American College of Real Estate Lawyers** (ACREL) Fellow
- **American College of Mortgage Attorneys** (AMCA) Fellow
- **Connecticut Bar Association**
 - Real Property Section Chairman [2003-2005]
 - Real Property Section Vice Chairman [2001-2003]
 - Real Property Section Treasurer [1999-2001]
 - Real Property Section Secretary [1997-1999]
 - Real Property Section Executive Committee [1995-2019, 2021-present]
 - Common Interest Ownership Act Manual Drafting Committee [2002-2014]
 - Committee on Residential Real Estate Law Specialization [2006-2014]
 - CBA Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law [2005-present]
- **Litchfield County Bar Association**
- **Greater Bridgeport Bar Association**
 - Chairman, Real Property Committee [1997-1998 and 1996-1997]
 - Co-Chairman, Real Property Committee [2003-2004 and 2002-2003]

PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- *We Have Met The Enemy... And They Live Here! Strategies for Dealing with Problem People, Condo Commandos, Troublemakers, Flagwavers and Patriots, and Those with Idle Hands*, Published in two-part series in August and September 2007 eds. of *Common Interest*, magazine of the Connecticut Chapter of the Community Association Institute.

PUBLIC OFFICE

- Board of Education, Shepaug Valley Regional School District No. 12 [Bridgewater, Roxbury & Washington, CT][AgriScience program for Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Roxbury, Sherman, Washington, CT][elected terms: 2009-2013, 2013-2017, 2017-2021, 2021-2025]
- Chairman, Board of Education, Shepaug Valley Regional School District No. 12, [July 2019-2024]
- Justice of the Peace [2005-2009]
- Assistant Constable, Town of Roxbury [2007]
- Inland Wetland Commission of the Town of Roxbury, Connecticut [2000-2009]
- Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Darien, Connecticut [appointed to fill vacancy in 1989, subsequently secured party's nomination and was elected in own right in 1989 and reelected in 1991 to a full four-year term, serving until resignation in 1993 on account of move and relocation from the Town of Darien]

- Secretary, Planning and Zoning Commission [1991-1992]
- Environmental Protection Commission ("EPC") of the Town of Darien, Connecticut [twice elected by Planning & Zoning Commission as its liaison to the Darien EPC which is the inland-wetlands and conservation commission for the Town of Darien]

CORPORATE DIRECTORSHIPS AND OFFICERSHIPS

- Director, **Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company**, Rocky Hill, Connecticut [1989-2011] 6th largest Title Insurer in U.S.; Largest Bar-Related® Title Insurer in U.S.
- Director, **Vested Technologies, Inc.**, Rocky Hill, Connecticut [2001-2005]
Company providing technological solutions primarily to the legal profession nationwide

PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FACULTY OR MODERATOR

- Condominium Law: Title, Marketing & Transfer Procedures, Author Seminar Materials, 1989
- Basic Residential Real Property Practice, Faculty, May 2, 1991
- Basic Residential Real Property Practice, Faculty, 1992
- Residential Real Property Closings, Faculty, 1995
- Property Condition Disclosure Report (portion of larger residential seminar), Faculty, January 18, 1996
- Buying & Selling a Home: What You Need to Know, Presenter, May 1, 1996
- Lead Paint Seminar, Moderator, November 18, 1996
- Connecticut Real Estate Titles and Title insurance, Faculty, April 22, 1999
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, June 10, 1999
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, December 2, 1999
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, December 9, 1999
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, February 24, 2000
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, February 28, 2000
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, March 2, 2000
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty, March 7, 2000
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty & Moderator, November 14, 2001
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Faculty & Moderator, March 7, 2003
- USA Patriot Act - Real Estate Industry Implications, Connecticut Land Title Association, 2003
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions; From Contract Through Closing, Faculty (New Haven Bar Assn) February 26, 2004 and March 4, 2004
- Electronic Land Records; New England Land Title Association Convention, June 24, 2005.
- Condominium & Planned Community Practice in Connecticut, Lohrman, Hartford, December 13, 2005
- Condominium Practice in Connecticut, Lohrman, Trumbull, February 28, 2006.
- Documentation Issues for Condominiums, Lohrman, Hartford, March 21, 2006.
- Multijurisdictional Practice by Lawyers: Should the Legal Restriction on Such

- Practice be Reduced, FCBA, Inc., Stamford, May 2, 2006
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, May 11, 2006.

- Moderator and Faculty, Real Estate Section Presentation on Current Issues, 2006 CBA Annual Meeting
- Featured Speaker on Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Annual Meeting of CBA, June 18, 2007
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, November 7, 2007
- Real Estate Symposium, Stamford, November 16, 2007
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, New Haven, February 20 and 27, 2008
- Real Estate Closings from A to Z: Navigate Your Closings With Confidence, NBI, April 7, 2008
- Commercial Leasing, New Britain, April 22, 2008
- Representing Condominium and Community Associations and Their Unit Owner Members, New Britain, December 3, 2008
- Panel on Condominium Topics, CAI, Cromwell, March 7, 2009
- Panel on 2009 Amendments to the Common Interest Ownership Act, CAI, Danbury CT, December 2, 2009
- Panel on 2009 Amendments to the Common Interest Ownership Act, CAI, Greenwich, February 4, 2010
- Commercial Leasing, New Haven, Connecticut, April 28, 2010
- Lecture on Legal Ethics in Real Estate Transactions, Quinnipiac University Law School, Hamden, Connecticut, October 6, 2011
- Lecture on Legal Ethics of Transactions, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, Connecticut, February 14, 2012
- Lecture on Legal Ethics of Transactions, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, Connecticut, February 21, 2013
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, CBA, May 9, 2013.
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, CBA, September 18, 2019
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, CBA, November 18, 2021
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, CBA, April 4, 2024
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Selected Issues, Old Republic Title, May 16, 2024