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Mark S. Levenson is Chair of the Real Estate Department and Chair of the Real Estate Transactions Practice Group. He also chairs the Firm's Israel Business Practice Group. Mr. Levenson is a long-standing member of the Firm's Management Committee.

Mr. Levenson handles a broad range of transactions for domestic and international clients, including traditional lending and finance, acquisitions, development projects, sale/leasebacks, office and retail leasing, corporate real estate advisory work and real estate mediation, arbitration and litigation. Mr. Levenson has 39 years of experience in private practice including 8 years as the senior real estate lawyer at a major financial services institution. During his 8-year tenure as in-house counsel, Mr. Levenson oversaw all domestic U.S. real estate matters and numerous worldwide real estate development and construction projects for his employer. Over the course of his career, Mr. Levenson has done extensive international work for his clients including projects in the United Kingdom (Canary Wharf), India, the Czech Republic, Eastern Europe, Israel, Latin America and France. Mr. Levenson also served as the U.S. representative for several of his international clients.

Mr. Levenson served as an Arbitrator in the New York City Civil Court System, as a mediator in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Mediation Program and as a Director of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives (now CoreNet). He is a member of the American Bar Association Real Property Committee and serves (and has served) as chairman, president or as an executive committee member of many not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Levenson has received numerous awards for his volunteer activities and does significant professional and pro bono work for various non-profit organizations, such as A Better Chance, The Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy, The Anti-Defamation League and The Jewish Federation of Greater Clifton-Passaic. Mr. Levenson played a critical leadership role in the drafting and enactment of New Jersey's anti-Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions legislation.

Practices

Real Estate

Equipment Leasing and Finance

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. Supreme Court

Newsroom

Press Releases

Sills Cummis & Gross Represents the Zionist Organization of America in Sale of New York City Building for \$38+ Million

May 20, 2016

In the News

ROI Influencers: Real Estate 2022

ROI-NJ

December 5, 2022

3 Big Moments For NJ Legal Industry In 2021

Law360 Pulse

December 16, 2021

Vanguard Series: Leaders in Commercial Real Estate

NJBIZ

November 26, 2018

N.J.-Israel Commission Chair Gets Murphy's Meeting with Palestinians: 'That is Perfectly Appropriate'

ROI-NJ

October 22, 2018

VIPs, Networking, Learning and Succeeding Together: Positive Energy Fuels 2017 JBiz Expo and Business Conference

The Lakewood Shopper

June 23, 2017

Positive Energy and Forward Thinking as Jewish Business World Networks at 2017 JBiz Expo

Hamodia

June 21, 2017

2017 JBiz Expo and Business Conference Attracts International Crowd of VIPs, Exhibitors and Attendees

The Jewish Voice

June 21, 2017

JBiz Expo Held in Edison

Asbury Park Press

June 16, 2017

2017 JBiz Expo and Business Conference Attracts International Crowd of VIPs, Exhibitors and Attendees

Queens Jewish Link

June 15, 2017

State of New Jersey Is Honored by the Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce for Its Landmark Anti-BDS Legislation

Jewish Link of New Jersey

May 11, 2017

New Jersey-Israel Commission's Annual Meeting Is Cause for Celebration

Jewish Link of New Jersey

December 29, 2016

U.S. Losing Cyberwar, Security Chief Tells NJ-Israel Commission

New Jersey Jewish News

December 29, 2016

BDS Law Does Not Violate Free Speech

New Jersey Jewish News

August 24, 2016

Gov. Christie Signs Anti-BDS Bill into Law

New Jersey Jewish News

August 18, 2016

NJ Legislature Acts Overwhelmingly Against BDS

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New Jersey Jewish News
June 28, 2016

Israel Hosts Anti-BDS Conference at UN

New Jersey Jewish News
June 8, 2016

Jersey Legislative Delegation Visits a Variety of Sites

New Jersey Jewish Standard
March 10, 2016

Legislators Visit Israel on Federations Trip

New Jersey Jewish News
March 7, 2016

N.J. lawmakers Heading to Israel on Business Trip

The Star-Ledger
February 24, 2016

N.J. Delegation on Week-long Trip to Israel

The Record
February 24, 2016

Lampitt and Schepisi Serving as Honorary Chairs of State Legislators' Mission to Israel

New Jersey Jewish News
December 22, 2015

The New Jersey-Israel Commission Meets at NJIT to Tackle the Digital Divide

New Jersey Institute of Technology - Feature Stories
December 16, 2015

Israeli Envoy Says Mideast Getting 'Worse by the Hour'

New Jersey Jewish News
December 16, 2015

NJ Assembly Committee Condemns Boycotts

New Jersey Jewish News
November 18, 2015

Jewish Leaders Meet Security Officials

New Jersey Jewish News
September 22, 2015

Rutgers announces 'N.J.-Israel Healthy, Functional and Medical Foods Alliance'

NJBIZ
September 21, 2015

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Lt. Gov. Lauds State Association Work

New Jersey Jewish News

August 19, 2015

State Senate Approves Anti-BDS Bills

New Jersey Jewish News

August 19, 2015

New Jersey Doubles State Allocation for Holocaust Survivors

The Jerusalem Post

July 20, 2015

State Grant Doubles Aid to Shoa Survivors

New Jersey Jewish News

July 15, 2015

NJ-Israel Commission Tackles Web Threats

New Jersey Jewish News

April 30, 2015

Calls for Caution Over U.S.-Israel Breach

New Jersey Jewish News

April 1, 2015

Advisory Group Assesses Jewish Life at Rutgers

New Jersey Jewish News

January 15, 2015

Mark Levenson Receives ADL “Liberty Award”

New Jersey Jewish News

January 1, 2015

Pols Back Resolutions Supporting Israel

New Jersey Jewish News

September 18, 2014

Troubled Airways: International Travelers, Airlines Worry about Safety Following a Month of Crashes

The Record

August 3, 2014

Airline ‘Overwhelmed’

The Record

July 23, 2014

Budget Victory: Jewish groups grateful for Trenton largesse

New Jersey Jewish Standard

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July 11, 2014

Israel Murders Prompt Local Security Briefing

New Jersey Jewish News

July 10, 2014

State Budget Beefs Up Holocaust Assistance

New Jersey Jewish News

July 2, 2014

Jersey City Fair Celebrates Israeli Ingenuity

New Jersey Jewish News

June 26, 2014

All in with the 'mishpoche' - Senator Booker Confers with Jewish Federation Delegates

New Jersey Jewish Standard

June 6, 2014

Booker Skeptical about Current Iran Talks

New Jersey Jewish News

June 3, 2014

State Legislators Tour Israel

New Jersey Jewish Standard

March 7, 2014

Legislators Tour Israel as Federation Guests

New Jersey Jewish News

March 5, 2014

Sweeney, Norcross and Burzichelli Tour Israel on Legislative Mission

South Jersey Times

March 2, 2014

NJ Leader: Israel Sees Flaws in Iran Talks

New Jersey Jewish News

February 24, 2014

Israeli Officials Promote Trade Ties with NJ

New Jersey Jewish News

May 9, 2013

School's Israel Festivities Take Studious Turn

New Jersey Jewish News

April 24, 2013

Murals Depicting Israel Bernbaum's Holocaust Story Engage Young Audiences

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New Jersey Today News
April 19, 2013

Israel Bernbaum Exhibit Now Open at Montclair State University

The Montclair Times
March 10, 2013

Infusing a Grim Subject with Color and Whimsy

The New York Times
February 24, 2013

NJ Leader Meets with President of France: Mark Levenson Joins Delegates Urging Action on Israel, Intolerance

New Jersey Jewish News
February 21, 2013

With Lautenberg to Retire, Leaders Recall His Jewish Record

New Jersey Jewish News
February 21, 2013

Groups Help Spread Word about Security: Officials Assist Effort to Safeguard Institutions

New Jersey Jewish News
January 30, 2013

State Federations Tout Year's Policy Victories

New Jersey Jewish News
July 16, 2012

NJ Court: Non-Jewish Man Can Sue Over Anti-Semitic Comments: Harassment Ruling Broadens Scope of the Law

New Jersey Jewish News
April 24, 2012

Christie Visit Seen as Boost for NJ-Israel Trade: Jewish Leaders Look Past Politics and Hope for Expanded Relations

New Jersey Jewish Standard
April 15, 2012

As Christie Toured Israel, an Elite Slice of New Jersey Tagged Along

The Star-Ledger
April 8, 2012

Gov's Israel Trip Combines Business with Pleasure (with politics): Christie Meets Peres, Netanyahu on First Visit as Chief Executive

New Jersey Jewish News
April 3, 2012

Jewish Leaders Will Accompany Christie on Israel Trip: Five-Day Visit Described as Trade and Diplomacy Mission

New Jersey Jewish News
March 30, 2012

MetroWest Hosts Security Briefing

New Jersey Jewish News
February 2, 2012

Rutgers Brass Offer Assurances to Jewish Leaders

New Jersey Jewish News
January 26, 2012

Governor Christie to Travel to Israel Next Year

The Star-Ledger
October 24, 2011

Kurtzer Sees 'Dangerous' Stalemate in Middle East: Diplomacy, Economy Are Focuses at NJ-Israel Commission Meeting

New Jersey Jewish News
July 6, 2011

Guadagno Addresses NJ-Israel Commission

New Jersey Jewish News
March 30, 2011

N.J.-Israel Commission Meets, under New Chairmanship

New Jersey Jewish Standard
March 25, 2011

Christie Names Chair of NJ-Israel Commission: Development Body Has 'Strong Support,' Says Mark Levenson

New Jersey Jewish News
December 22, 2010

Leader Takes Helm of Chamber

New Jersey Jewish News
September 9, 2010

Israeli Tech Firms Pitch Blue, White — and Green

New Jersey Jewish News
September 23, 2009

Israeli 'Cleantech' Takes Center Stage

New Jersey Jewish Standard
September 11, 2009

The Shimon Peres Conference 2008: A Participant's View

The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel

July 1, 2008

The New Jersey-Israel Connection: "Green" Buildings and Much More

The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel

July 1, 2008

Solutions for the Here and Now

NJ Jewish News

June 12, 2008

Lawyers make their case for office space

The Real Deal

November 1, 2007

New York Partners and Associates Closing Real Estate Deals

New York Law Journal

January 25, 2006

Presentations

Recent Fiscal and Monetary Policies and Implications for US and Israeli Real Estate Markets

Alrov Institute for Real Estate Research at Coller School of Management at Tel Aviv University, the New Jersey-Israel Commission and Rutgers Center for Real Estate

March 24, 2022

Cultivating Business among New Jersey, the U.A.E., and Israel

U.S.-U.A.E. Business Council, Choose New Jersey and New Jersey-Israel Commission

March 24, 2021

COVID-19 Innovations: New Jersey Meets Jerusalem

Choose New Jersey, The New Jersey Israeli Commission, BioJerusalem and BioNJ

June 1, 2020

2019 U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference

International Council of Shopping Centers

October 23, 2019

2018 U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference

International Council of Shopping Centers

October 24, 2018

JBiz Expo and Conference

Negotiating Real Estate Deals: Closing the Deal

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Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce
June 5, 2018

2017 U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference

International Council of Shopping Centers
October 25, 2017

JBiz Expo and Conference

Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce & Parnassah Network Organization
June 15, 2017

2016 U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference

Letters of Credit and Other Non-Cash Collateral as a Lease Security Deposit: The Pros, Cons, Forms and Enforcement from the Perspective of Both Landlord and Tenant
International Council of Shopping Centers
October 26, 2016

Rutgers Jewish Law Students Association Networking Reception

Advocacy for Israel and Jewish Community Involvement
Rutgers Jewish Law Students Association
September 13, 2016

Canary Wharf: A Skyline Emerges from the Docklands

Brandeis University - International Business School
April 23, 2013

How Organizations Are Financed

Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work
February 7, 2012

How Non-Profit Organizations are Financed and Administered

Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work
January 30, 2012

Security Briefing

January 25, 2012

Will the Cascade of Distressed Debt Keep Leasing in the Doldrums?

Brandeis University, International Business School
September 19, 2011

How Organizations Are Financed

The Operation and Management of Non-Profit Organizations in the Current Economic Climate
Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work
February 28, 2011

Israel's Reclassification to Developed Market Status

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

The America-Israel Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc.
February 1, 2011

CleanTech & Energy Conference

American-Israel Chamber of Commerce
November 8, 2010

Resource Development and Management

Resource Development and Management-Effectively Leading a Non-Profit during the Era of Madoff
Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work
March 1, 2010

The Eilat-Eilot International Renewable Energy Conference

Is the U.S. on its Way to Becoming the Global Leader in RE Innovation & Implementation?
February 16, 2010

Leasing in the Post Sub-Prime Era — Does Quality Matter?

Leasing in the Post Sub-Prime Era — Does Quality Matter?
Brandeis University
February 10, 2010

U.S. - Israel Cleantech Conference

New Jersey-Israel Commission
September 16, 2009

Leasing 101 - The World Has Changed; Lessons for Negotiations Post-The-Meltdown

Brandeis University - International Business School
March 25, 2009

America-Israel Green Buildings Conference

America Israel Chamber of Commerce
June 3, 2008

The Impact of 9/11 on the World Financial Center at Battery Park City

Brandeis University - International Business School
April 2, 2008

The University as Developer: Is the University a Friendly Neighbor or an Adverse Displacer?

Brandeis University - International Business School
February 7, 2007

Northeast Real Estate Institute

Sale-Leaseback Transactions
June 15, 2006

International Leasing: Does the Country Really Make a Difference?

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

Brandeis University - International Business School
April 3, 2006

Sale-Leasebacks - The Best of Both Worlds Is Still Obtainable in the Post-Enron Era

Association of Corporate Counsel - Greater New York Chapter
April 7, 2005

The Art of Negotiation

Building Owners and Managers Association of New Jersey (BOMA - NJ)
March 23, 2005

Internationalization of the Sale-Leaseback

Brandeis University - International Business School
March 21, 2005

Real Estate Lease Negotiations: The Art of Making the Deal

Brandeis University - International Business School
January 30, 2004

Canary Wharf and the Reichmanns: Lessons from the Docklands

Brandeis University - Graduate School of International Economics and Finance
April 4, 2003

Publications

Alternative Financing Options For Retail And Hotel Properties

Law360
October 7, 2020

Rights of First Refusal and First Offer: Assessing a Tenant's Rights

New Jersey Law Journal
May 20, 2019

Letters of Credit in Commercial Real Estate: A Primer

Corporate Counsel - Interactive Library
October 23, 2017

Op-Ed - Advocacy Group: N.J. Right to Take Stand against Boycott of Israeli Businesses

The Star-Ledger
June 27, 2016

Sale-Leaseback Transactions in the "Corporate Scandal" Era

ACREL News
November 1, 2004

Who Pays for Blackouts?

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

GlobeSt.com

August 8, 2003

Sale-Leaseback Transaction after Enron and Worldcom — A Tougher Landscape

New Jersey Business

October 1, 2002

Client Alerts

Non-Essential Construction Permitted to Resume in NJ on May 18

Real Estate

May 14, 2020

IRS Tax Relief Notice for 1031 Deferred Exchanges Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Real Estate/Tax

April 21, 2020

NJ Permits Remote Notary of Documents Using Audio-Visual Communication Technology

Real Estate

April 17, 2020

Recording Complications May Delay NY Real Estate Construction Financings

Lending/Real Estate

April 9, 2020

Potential Relief for 1031 Deferred Exchanges during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Real Estate/Tax

April 7, 2020

Multi-Family Property Forbearance Relief Under Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

Real Estate

March 26, 2020

Increases in Transfer Tax Rates for New York City Properties

Real Estate

June 25, 2019

Rankings and Recognition

Selected for inclusion in:

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®* 2007-2023, Real Estate Law
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*®* 2016-2022, New Jersey Real Estate

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- *New Jersey Super Lawyers®** 2009-2018, Real Estate: Business; International; Nonprofit Organizations
- *ROI-NJ** “ROI Influencers: Real Estate” 2022
- *Martindale-Hubbell®** AV rating

Included in the *NJBIZ* Vanguard Series “Leaders in Commercial Real Estate” list in 2018.

Received Torch of Liberty Award, presented by the Anti-Defamation League, in 2014.

Honored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Clifton-Passaic at the 2010 Tribute Dinner.

Received America-Israel Chamber of Commerce & Industry Business Leadership Award in 2008.

* See [Award Methodology](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Affiliations

Member, United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, appointed by the President of the United States (2019-January 2022)

Co-Chair, New Jersey-Israel Commission, appointed by the Governor of New Jersey (2010-Present)

Partner-level Member, Choose New Jersey, New Jersey’s economic development organization

Advisory Board, Investors Bank, a Division of Citizens Bank

Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Chair, *International Advisory Board*, Green Again Fund, Inc.

Executive Committee Member, Jewish Agency for Israel
— *Member*, Government Relations Committee

Board of Governors, Tel Aviv University

Executive Committee Member, Teach NJ (a member of Teach Coalition)

Board of Trustees, Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation

Member, Jewish National Fund-USA Zionist Advisory Council

Advisory Board, Coalition for Jewish Values

Past Chairman, Zionist Organization of America

Past President, New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations

Past Co-President and Executive Committee Member, America-Israel Chamber of Commerce &

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Industry

President, Jewish Federation of Greater Clifton-Passaic (2002-2010)

Past Chair, YM-YWHA of Greater Clifton-Passaic

Past Executive Vice President, Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy

Past President, Congregation Adas Israel of Passaic

Co-Chair, New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Israel at 70 Committee

Honorary Associate Chair, State Committee for Israel @ 60, NJ State Association of Jewish Federations

Chair, 2009 U.S.-Israel Cleantech Conference

Member, American Bar Association

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association

Education

J.D., New York University School of Law

B.A., Brandeis University, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York