BERLINER GROUP

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Expert Witness ~ Mediator ~ Arbitrator

Experience:

Berlinergroup LLC | Principal | 1997-Present

- Expert witness in cases involving legal malpractice or real estate or both. Testimony at trial and in depositions.
- Active arbitrator of various disputes, including American Arbitration Association, FINRA and other private cases.
- Active mediator of various disputes, both pre-litigation and during litigation. Mediated cases involving numerous types of disputes, including the following: intra-family business disputes; partnership conflict; employment/trade secrets; probate and inheritance; breach of fiduciary duty; conversion of personal property; contract interpretation and breach; construction defects; title to real property; insurance subrogation; property line and encroachment disputes; landlord/tenant; nuisance; chattel lien; debtor/creditor.
- Engaged in private practice of law, representing entrepreneurial clients in a variety of business matters, with emphasis on real estate transactions and family business disputes.

The Principal Post | Consulting Editor, Editorial Board Member | 2020 - Present
Vexidus Corporation | Board Member, Secretary | 2020 - 2021
Various Related Real Estate LLCs & Partnerships | 1984 - 2016

- Principal of various affiliated entities which bought, developed, managed, operated and sold various properties in Chicago, Illinois and elsewhere, including in the aggregate over 1,000 dwelling units and over 400,000 square feet of commercial space and having a value of over $200 million

Illinois Institute of Technology | Adjunct Professor | 2003-2008

- Taught "Real Estate Investment" in the Stuart Graduate School of Business

Law Seminars International | Faculty | 2007

- CLE Conference on Construction Law. "Primary Contracts"

Northwestern University | Lecturer and Panelist | 1989 - 2011

"Legal Issues in Real Estate" in the Kellogg School of Management:

- Lecturer, "Purchase and Sale of Real Estate" | 1996-2011
- Panelist, "Selection and Use of Lawyers" | 1996-2011
- Lecturer, "Management of Real Estate"| 1989-1995

Jupiter Industries, Inc & Jupiter Realty Corporation | 1989 - 1996

- Secretary and General Counsel of Jupiter Industries | 1991-1996
- Associate General Counsel of Jupiter Industries | 1989-1991
- Shareholder, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Jupiter Realty Corporation | 1991 – 1996
- Associate General Counsel of Jupiter Realty Corporation | 1989-1991
- Responsible for all legal affairs of Jupiter Industries, Inc. (including subsidiaries), a diversified conglomerate (estimated $1 billion in revenues) with interests in construction and engineering, transportation, retailing, insurance, manufacturing and real estate, founded by the late Jerrold Wexler, and Jupiter Realty Corporation, a full-service real estate development and investment firm, and related real estate and other investment ventures. Sole employed lawyer at both companies

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Attorney | Private Practice | 1984 – 2016

- Sole Practitioner | 1984-1988
- Berliner and Krasnow | 1988-1989

Levy and Erens | 1974-1984

- Partner | 1978-1984
- Associate | 1974-1978

Military:

U.S. Navy | Lieutenant, Supply Corps, USNR | 1968 – 1971

- Supply Officer of Polaris submarine U.S.S. Henry L. Stimson (SSBN 655-Blue)
- Received Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation

Honors, Memberships & Professional Activities:

- Steve Brusche Award, Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Association of Attorney-Mediators: Member, Board of Directors 2015-2021; Co-Founder, Illinois Chapter; President, Illinois Chapter, 2016-2022
- 2018-2019 John C. McAndrews Award for Pro Bono Service from the Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Super Lawyer (Alternative Dispute Resolution) 2013-2027
- Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, Marquis Who's Who (2018)
- Charter Member and Member of Executive Committee, Illinois Chapter, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (invitation-only selective organization)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, National Roster of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association: Commercial, Construction, Large Complex Case, and Expedited panels
- Member, Panel of Mediators, American Arbitration Association: Commercial and Construction panels
- Member, Roster of Arbitrators, FINRA Dispute Resolution
- Court-certified mediator, Law Division Major Civil Case Mediation Program, and Chancery Division's Mediation Program, Circuit Court of Cook County
- Court-certified mediator, Civil Division, 12th Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois
- Member, American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Association

Education:

Harvard Law School | J.D. Magna Cum Laude
Harvard College | A.B. Magna Cum Laude

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