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Director / Legal and Regulatory Compliance / Real Estate Brokerage Compliance

- Over 20 years of diverse legal experience in representing clients in the lending, mortgage banking and real estate brokerage industries.
- Founding Member and Chairperson of the Real Estate and Banking Departments of Abrams Garfinkel Margolis Bergson, LLP, a national law firm.
- Counsel to the Empire State Mortgage Bankers Association (“ESMBA”), the only trade association representing the interests of the mortgage banking community in New York State.
- Diamond Member of the New York Association of Mortgage Brokers and member of the Community Mortgage Bankers Forum, the Mortgage Bankers Association of New York and National Association of Mortgage Brokers.
- Advises real estate brokerage companies on fair housing matters, commission disputes, licensing and disclosure requirements, agency issues, employment and wage laws, strategic alliances and affiliated business relationships and disciplinary actions instituted by governmental entities.
- Counsel to the Real Estate Board of New York (“REBNY”), New York City’s leading real estate trade association. In addition to counseling REBNY on the vast array of laws and regulations that affect the real estate brokerage community, he hosts the REBNY Legal Line, a daily legal hotline provided exclusively for members of REBNY
- Board Member of the Long Island Commercial Network and member of the Long Island Board of Realtors, the New York State Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.
- Certified by the New York Department of State as an instructor of real estate courses. He frequently trains real estate brokerage, real estate management companies and mortgage companies on a local and national level.
- Member of the New York State Bar Association and the Cornell Real Estate Council.
- Received his Juris Doctor Degree from Cornell Law School and Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York at Albany.