

Chambers USA Recognizes Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys and Practices

Awards & Recognition
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Orlando, FL -- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. is pleased to announce that the 2017 edition of Chambers USA, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business, has once again recognized several firm practice areas and individual lawyers with top rankings. The following attorneys have been recognized for 2017 as "Leaders in their Field": Aaron Gorovitz, Hal Kantor, Joe Lane, Michael Ryan, Miranda Fitzgerald and Richard J Fildes. Chambers USA also ranked the firm in the areas of Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use and Real Estate.

Chambers published the following about the firm and the notable attorneys:

What the team is known for Provides a comprehensive service to clients active in the real estate industry. Widely recognized as one of the state's leading firms in the land use and zoning sphere. Other areas of focus include portfolio and single asset acquisitions, dispositions, development and leasing. Particular strength in the Orlando market.

Strengths The firm is recognized for its connections in the local market: *"They're very good. In the local community in Orlando, they're extremely well established, and they carry a lot of clout and credibility when you take them with you to meetings."*

Another source reports: *"They are super-smart, well organized and very connected within the arena they operate in. I think their depth of talent is the envy of the rest of the competitive law firms."*

Work highlights Advised CNL Lifestyle Properties on the \$763 million disposal of a portfolio of 38 senior living properties across 15 states, including counseling on associated service agreements and leasing.

Acted for Beach Line South Residential to obtain City of Orlando approvals for an \$800 million, mixed-use development, informally named Project Starwood. The development plans for 6,600 residential units as well as commercial, office and school space.

Related Attorneys

Richard J. Fildes

Aaron J. Gorovitz

Hal H. Kantor

Joseph A. Lane

Michael Ryan

Significant clients AHG Group, Consolidated-Tomoka Land, Rida Development Corporation, Park Square Enterprises, Pioneers International.

Notable practitioners

Richard Fildes is recognized for his excellence in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, development and finance, most notably with respect to the hotel, sports and entertainment sectors. He is co-chair of the firm's hospitality and leisure group.

Aaron Gorovitz impresses with his handling of a broad range of transactional real estate matters. He recently advised home builder Park Square Enterprises on the \$59 million acquisition, and subsequent financing, of 16 vacant sites intended for residential development.

Michael Ryan advises owners, developers and lenders in connection with real estate financing, acquisitions, sales and leases. He recently acted for the University of Central Florida on the \$160 million development, alongside joint venture partner HCA, of a teaching hospital in the Lake Nona region.

Miranda Fitzgerald serves as co-chair of the firm's government approvals and land use department. She recently took a lead role for Beach Line South Residential on Project Starwood, a mixed-use development containing residential, commercial, office and school space in the City of Orlando. Sources say: *"She has an excellent reputation, a balanced approach, and is very thoughtful and strategic."*

Hal Kantor is a hugely experienced and widely venerated figure in the land use and zoning space. He continues to offer clients the benefit of his enormous expertise in this area, and retains a *"very good reputation"* among market sources.

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