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Meet the REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

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**RUSSELL B. BERSHAD
GIBBONS**
Newark, NJ

Specialty: Concentrates on sophisticated financing, leasing and conveyancing transactions.

Background: Chairs the firm's Real Property & Environmental Department and is a member of the executive committee. His

practice is highlighted by recent regional expansion and record-breaking transactions, new lateral partners and new relationships with leading national companies.

Law Practice: Represented a leading developer in a portfolio sale of eight luxury apartment complexes with more than 1,500 units, going to contract for nearly \$700 million. Represented a major national owner in the acquisition of the 17-story Mariner's Tower and Mariner's Cove for \$100 million. Handled one of the top three office leases in NJ last year, a 15-year lease for a 173,000-sf pharma company HQ.



**DOUGLAS J. JANACEK
GIBBONS**
Newark, NJ

Specialty: Concentrates on zoning, planning and permitting with emphasis on commercial, office and industrial developments.

Background: Director in the firm's Real Property & Environmental Department, Janacek regularly

appears before planning and zoning boards and municipal governing bodies, and before state and county agencies on zoning and land-use applications. Janacek also deals with issues concerning a variety of permitting requirements, including wetlands, coastal zones, stream encroachment and waterfront development permits.

Law Practice: Leads and coordinates a major financial institution's development of all of its new bank branches in NJ, NY and CT. Handles retail, office and other zoning matters in the region for McDonald's, SJP Properties and Tiffany's, among others. Has been involved in a major redevelopment in Newark, an office building in Berkeley Heights and several "green" residential projects in Delaware Twp., Tewksbury Twp. and Bernards Twp. Throughout his practice, reinforces both clients' and his firm's regional business strategies.