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Infrastructure, Energy and Real Estate
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
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Real Estate Leasing
Proptech

Real Estate Financing and Capital Markets

Jack is partner in charge of Cooley's Reston office and the former head of the firm's infrastructure, energy and real estate practice group. His practice focuses on real estate transactions, with an emphasis on the acquisition and disposition of commercial real estate, including the purchase, sale, development and leasing of office, industrial, retail, data center, life sciences, and technology-driven properties. He has substantial experience in representing landlords, tenants, lenders and borrowers in the leasing, financing, and repositioning of commercial property in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and the mid-Atlantic region. He has represented institutional and individual landlords and tenants involved in major lease transactions, data center leasing and development, and corporate headquarters projects.

Jack has managed the real estate aspects of many data center projects and clean and renewable energy projects, including the development of wind and solar lease farms and related installations. Before joining Cooley, he was a partner and member of the executive committee at a midsize US firm. Prior to practicing law, Jack was a senior associate with the Staubach Co., where he managed the process of site identification and lease negotiation for several major clients in the mid-Atlantic region.

Jack also serves as general counsel to the Northern Virginia chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center JD, 1990

The Catholic University of America BA, 1987

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Maryland

Virginia

West Virginia

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Band 1: Real Estate – Virginia: Northern (2020 – 2026)

Virginia Business: Virginia 500 Power List (2023, 2025)

The Legal 500 US: Real Estate (2025)

The Best Lawyers in America: Construction Law and Real Estate Law (2024)

Washingtonian: Top Lawyers Hall of Fame (2022)

Bisnow.com: DC's Top Real Estate Lawyers (2014)

The Washington Business Journal: Top Real Estate Transactions Lawyer (2008)

Virginia Business: Legal Elite – Real Estate/Construction (2003 – 2005)

Super Lawyers: Real Estate Law – Virginia and Northern Virginia

Memberships & Affiliations

Fairfax Bar Association

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP)

The Virginia Bar Association

Maryland State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Association of Greater Washington, DC (CREBA)