

WWRP shareholder Jerome Pesick admitted to American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)

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Birmingham, Mich. –May 10, 2024 –Michigan-based business law firm Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett is pleased to announce that shareholder Jerome Pesick has been admitted to the prestigious <u>American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)</u>. ACREL is the preeminent association of commercial real estate lawyers in the United States focused on service to clients, colleagues and the profession.

Nominees for consideration by ACREL must:

- Be a distinguished real property law practitioner, well known as a specialist in real estate law or a subspecialty of real estate practice.
- Have had substantial experience in real estate law or a real estate subspecialty for at least 10 years.
- Have devoted substantial time and effort to contribute to a more informed bar or public with respect to matters of real estate law, in satisfaction of the College's "giveback" requirement.
- Enjoy an outstanding reputation for excellence and integrity.

Pesick's entire legal career has focused on commercial real estate, with specialties in eminent domain and condemnation law and property tax appeals and land use. Among his many milestone achievements, Pesick served as lead counsel on what remains the largest eminent domain verdict in Michigan history - rendering \$25 million in a case that involved a 6.3-acre parcel on the Detroit River with an original government offer of \$13.7 million.

Pesick has successfully represented clients in many high profile eminent domain and condemnation projects including the Gordie Howe International Bridge, Comerica Park and Ford Field, Poletown, Detroit Waterfront Casino and Reclamation Project, I-696, M-59 (Hall Road), M-5 (Haggerty Connector), Northwestern Connector, Van Dyke Highway, Detroit Metropolitan Airport Expansion, Wayne State University Welcome Center, Wayne County Pinnacle Aeropark, Ypsilanti Water Street Redevelopment, and Orchard Lake Road widening, along with numerous other highway and roundabout projects and class actions.

As a member of WWRP's tax appeal team, Pesick also actively represents clients in the commercial property tax appeals process, regularly appearing before the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

A popular public speaker, Pesick presents to the legal profession and at commercial real estate events on corporate and legal trends in the industry. Committed to advancement of the legal profession and commercial real estate, he has held a variety of leadership roles in the State Bar

of Michigan Real Property Law Section, including serving as chair of the Eminent Domain Committee for seven consecutive years and as chair of the Section from 2009 to 2010.

Prior to joining WWRP in 2022, Pesick led his own boutique commercial real estate law firm, Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen, for 20 years. He has received numerous legal awards throughout his career, including multiple years as a Michigan Super Lawyer, DBusiness Top Lawyer, and Best Lawyers, as well as Best Lawyers' regional *Lawyer of the Year* in both real estate law and eminent domain. He was also named to the Michigan Lawyers Weekly Leader of the Law Class of 2019.

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