

# Evan Z. Lazar

## Global Vice Chair



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## Overview

Evan Z. Lazar is Co-Chairman of the Global Real Estate Group at Dentons. He also is the Chairman of the Board of the Europe region of Dentons, a Member of the Global Board and recently named Global Vice Chair of Dentons around the world.

Evan is widely recognized as one of the leading real estate investment and property finance lawyers in Europe. His extensive experience in all areas of cross-border property and finance transactions has placed him at the forefront of many of the region's most important property and finance deals, including major retail, hotel, office, logistics and residential developments, financings and institutional investments.

Evan acts for numerous leading institutional clients, including AIG Global Real Estate, Blackstone, Heitman International, Morgan Stanley, Round Hill Capital and Starwood Capital Group. He is in the top tier group of attorneys specializing in cross-border and emerging markets property investment and finance matters.

Evan served as the Co-Chair of Salans' Global Real Estate Group for 10 years before Dentons was founded. Prior to that, he was the founder of the Central European Real Estate Practice at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and later Co-Chairman of their European Property and Finance Group. Before moving to Europe in 1993, Evan was a real estate lawyer in Philadelphia with Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP.

## Experience

Evan handles major real estate mergers and acquisitions for international real estate funds and private equity organizations, as well as joint ventures, developments and financings throughout Europe and on other continents.

## Recognition

*Chambers Europe* rates Evan as the top real estate professional and "one of the best lawyers in Europe." *Chambers* noted that he acts on particularly high-volume property deals, including multi-jurisdictional transactions and "has tremendous experience as a transactional lawyer." Moreover, he is held in high regard throughout the market.

"Clients praise him not only for being a great lawyer but for having the magic touch."

Evan is included in *The Legal500 EMEA's* Hall of Fame as a lawyer who has received constant praise from his clients for continued excellence and who is at the pinnacle of his profession. He is also listed in *Best Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal*, *Euromoney's* Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers. Evan was nominated for "Professional of the Year" at the 5th Annual EuropaProperty CEE Retail Real Estate Awards.

Most recently, *Expert Guide* has recognized Evan as "Best of the Best" lawyer in the Real Estate area in the Czech Republic.

## In the Media

- "Dentons advises Crestyl on "Savarin Palace" acquisition in Prague ", *Legal Monitor*, August 5, 2015

# Activities and Affiliations

## Memberships

- Member of the Samuel Zell and Robert Lurie Real Estate Center from 2013
- Member of the Steering Group for the ABA Cross-Border Real Estate Practice Committee from 2013
- Member of the International Advisory Board of the Aspen Institute Prague from 2013
- Vice Chair of the ABA Cross-Border Real Estate Practice Committee 2009-2013
- Elected President of the European Council of Jewish Communities in 2011

## Prior and Present Employment

- Global Vice Chair - Dentons (February 2016 to date)
- Chairman of the Board, Europe region - Dentons (January 2014 to date)
- Co-Chairman, Global Real Estate - Dentons, Prague (April 2013 to date)
- Member of the Global Board - Dentons (April 2013 to date)
- Co-Chairman, Global Real Estate Group - Salans, Prague (2004 to March 2013)
- Co-Chairman European Real Estate Practice - Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Prague (2000-2003)
- Chairman Central European Real Estate Practice - Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Prague (1995-2000)
- Head of Czech Real Estate Department - Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Prague (1993-1995)
- Associate, Real Estate Department - Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen, Philadelphia (1987-1993)

# Areas of focus

## Practices

- Arbitration
- Banking and Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Project Development
- Real Estate
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

## Industry sectors

- Construction
- Financial Institutions
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Private Equity

## Education

- Temple University School of Law, 1987, JD, cum laude
- Temple University, 1984, BSc, Electrical Engineering Technology

## Languages

- Czech
- English
- Hebrew