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OVERVIEW

Lindsay is a Partner in WH Burkley's Real Estate Group. Lindsay represents clients in a wide range of commercial real estate matters, including acquisitions, dispositions, and leasing transactions. She has extensive experience drafting and negotiating documents, reviewing titles, surveys and other due diligence materials, and representing clients throughout a transaction. Lindsay also has served as counsel to borrowers in secured financing transactions involving commercial real estate matters.

In addition to real estate, Lindsay's practice also includes franchise law, representing both franchisors and franchisees. On behalf of her franchisor clients, Lindsay drafts Uniform Franchise Disclosure Documents, franchise agreements and other associated documents. She also prepares and files registration applications and renewals with the appropriate state agencies. Lindsay counsels her franchisor clients to ensure continued compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. On behalf of her franchisee clients, Lindsay performs a detailed review of the Uniform Franchise Disclosure Documents, franchise agreements and other associated documents and provides guidance for individuals and businesses interested in purchasing a new or existing franchises.

EXPERIENCE

- Advised clients on a wide range of business matters, including, but not limited to, business entity formation, governance, compliance, day-to-day operations, reorganization, mergers and acquisitions, and stock and asset purchases, and prepared and negotiated agreements necessary to consummate same
- Drafted, reviewed, analyzed, and negotiated real estate contracts and ancillary documents, primarily concerning the purchase, sale, development, and leasing of commercial and

industrial property, but also including residential construction and development

- Updates Uniform Franchise Disclosure Documents (FDDs) to comply with federal and state laws and rules for franchisor clients and performs detailed review of such documents for franchisee clients; prepares and files franchise registration applications and renewals with state agencies and responds to state examiner inquiries
- Advises franchisor clients on all aspects of franchise law, including franchise start-up and structuring, state and federal franchise law compliance, franchise agreement drafting and negotiation, and day-to-day legal matters affecting franchise operations.
- Assists clients with hotel acquisitions and development, including due diligence, transaction structuring, contract negotiation, and financing, through closing and project executionRegistered federal trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office by completing required applications, responded to Office Actions and other USPTO inquiries, and performed filings necessary to maintain federal trademark registration

EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law, J.D.
- Allegheny College, B.A.

FOCUS

- Real Estate

NEWS

- Walter Haverfield Elects Lindsay Svetlak and Alex Hurtuk to the Partnership

LICENSED

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

OFFICE

- Cleveland