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GARY M. ROSENBERG

Gary M. Rosenberg, Class of 1974, is the founding partner, chairman, and former managing partner of Rosenberg & Estis, P.C., a New York City boutique real estate law firm established in 1975.

During the first 15 years of his practice, Rosenberg was involved in many significant precedent-setting real estate cases in the New York State Court of Appeals.

In 1990, he began to focus on real estate development and was involved in several of New York's largest and most complex developments. From 1992 through 1998, he worked on the development of the Condé Nast Building, overseeing acquisition of the site and the \$420 million construction loan, while working on the leases for Condé Nast and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. He was also intimately involved in the development of the project and led the permanent financing of \$620 million.

From 2002 to 2008, Rosenberg led the site assemblage and acquisition for the Bank of America Tower. He further negotiated the joint venture between Bank of America and the Durst Organization, and assisted in the lease negotiations with Bank of America. He also led the construction financing team and the permanent loan of \$1.3 billion. In 2011, Rosenberg headed the negotiations of the joint venture on behalf of the Durst Organization with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, including the negotiation of the lease of the Broadcast Facility located at 1 World Trade Center. He is currently active in the financing and development of over \$1.1 billion of new construction.

Rosenberg has published several works in the area of real estate law, including the *Rent Stabilization Association Digest* (RSA 1983) and *A Complete Guide to Subletting and Assignments* (CHIP 1982). He also served on the Housing and Urban Development Committee of the New York City Bar, and the Appellate Court and Supreme Court Committees of the New York County Lawyers Association.

Rosenberg maintains close ties to Brooklyn Law School. He is a member of the 1901 Society and serves as a firm leader in the Law School's Team Challenge. Rosenberg and his daughter, Janna, Class of 2006, recently endowed a scholarship which is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated particular ability in real property or real estate law. He also played an advisory role and made a leadership gift to launch the Law School's new Center for Urban Business and Entrepreneurship (CUBE).

DEBRA G. HUMPHREYS

Debra G. Humphreys, Class of 1984, is a founder and Board Chair of the K-12 Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School in Joplin, Missouri.

Upon graduation from law school, Humphreys joined the New York office of Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, where she served as an associate in the firm's tax group for seven years. In 1992, she relocated with her husband to Joplin to be closer to his family's residential and commercial building material manufacturing business, TAMKO Building Products, Inc.

Seeking better school options for their young son and remembering the life-changing scholarship assistance she had received at Brooklyn Law School, she launched a new school to offer area children challenging college prep educational opportunities. In August 1993, she and her husband opened the Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School. The school, whose enrollment is open to all, provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Since its opening, with Humphreys serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees, the school has experienced tremendous growth. It boasts the highest percentage of merit scholars in Missouri. The school also provides 40 percent of its students with significant financial aid and with additional need and merit-based scholarships provided by the Humphreys, over 50 percent of the students receive some form of financial assistance.

Humphreys' commitment to education and to ensuring opportunity for all children extends deep into her community. In 2009, the Humphreys established the Humphreys Fund for Residencies in Entrepreneurship and Business Leadership at Sewanee, The University of the South's Babson Center for Global Commerce. Additionally, after devastating tornadoes hit Joplin in 2011, the Humphreys made significant donations to the Salvation Army and the Red Cross to help assist storm victims and to help rebuild the city's public schools.

Humphreys is also an ardent supporter of Brooklyn Law School. She is a member of the 1901 Society and recently endowed the Humphreys Family Scholarship, awarded annually to a female student who has shown exceptional promise in the areas of either tax or corporate law. Humphreys also played an advisory role in the creation of the Law School's new Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE) and made a leadership gift to launch the Center.

CLAIRE R. KELLY

The Honorable Claire R. Kelly, Class of 1993, was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade in May 2013.

Before joining the bench, Judge Kelly was a member of the Brooklyn Law School Faculty for over 15 years. Judge Kelly focused her scholarship on administrative law and international trade law, teaching courses in international trade law, international business law, and administrative law. She served as the co-director for the Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law and as the faculty advisor for the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*. She also co-founded Brooklyn Law School's Trade Secrets Institute and was instrumental in creating fellowships for this Institute. Prior to entering academia, Judge Kelly was an associate at Coudert Brothers LLP, where she advised companies on governmental compliance and litigated a broad variety of international trade matters.

Judge Kelly has written numerous law review articles that have appeared in top journals such as the *Virginia Journal of International Law*, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *New York University Journal of International Law & Politics*, and the *Arizona Law Review*. She has presented her work at forums worldwide, including the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, and the American Society of International Law.

Judge Kelly has served on several bar committees as well as on the Board of Directors of the Customs and International Trade Bar Association (CITBA), chairing its Subcommittee on Trade Adjustment Assistance and co-authoring its *Primer on Litigating Trade Adjustment Assistance Cases*. She is also an elected member of the American Law Institute and past co-chair of the International Economic Law Group of the American Society of International Law.

Judge Kelly was not only a respected scholar, but also a beloved and devoted teacher and an integral part of the Brooklyn Law School community during her years on the faculty. She was voted Professor of the Year three consecutive years in a row by the student body. She also served on countless faculty committees and worked tirelessly to promote the Law School and her students in the legal community.



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