

## Rosenberg & Estis appoints Williams to lead new Property Tax Dept.

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Manhattan, NY According to Rosenberg & Estis, P.C., Benjamin Williams has joined the firm as a member to lead the firm's new Property Tax Department. Williams brings extensive experience in NY property tax issues. He has a depth of experience in real estate tax projections for development, acquisition, leasing, financing, and budgeting. He has represented clients in property tax appeals and at NYC Tax Commission hearings.

Williams also has worked on Industrial and Commercial Abatement Program (ICAP), 421-a, and not-for-profit exemption applications and projections.

The addition of Williams and the establishment of a property tax department demonstrates Rosenberg & Estis' commitment to continue providing clients with comprehensive legal representation across all aspects of real estate. This department complements the firms newly established Construction Department and Co-Op / Condominium Department.

"The creation of a department focused on property tax issues helps us to further service our clients as the firm continues to grow," said Luise A. Barrack, Managing Member with Rosenberg & Estis. "Williams' deep experience on tax-related issues expands our scope and advances our mission to provide our clients a full suite of services. Real estate tax certiorari is a natural fit for the firm, and clients will benefit from the synergies with our other practice areas."

"I am excited to help establish this new department in one of the largest and most esteemed New York City real estate law firms. We are already busy. Clients are asking how they can prepare for their 2019 property tax protests, which start in only two months and run from January 15 to March 1," said Williams. "We expect that within a week, the City Council will vote on the final 2018/19 tax rates, and the Department of Finance will mail the third quarter tax bills."

Prior to joining Rosenberg & Estis, Williams was an associate attorney with Podell, Schwartz, Schecter & Banfield, LLP. He graduated from Rutgers University School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree and received a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law.

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