



## **Olson of Margolin Winer & Evens speaks at Massey Knakal Commercial Real Estate Investment Summit**

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According to Margolin Winer & Evens LLP (MWE) Wayne Olson, a tax partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice Group, spoke at the second annual Massey Knakal Commercial Real Estate Investment Summit. The event took place at the New York City Bar Association.

Olson joined a number of distinguished speakers from the real estate and financial sectors. The keynote speaker at this year's conference was Mike Fascitelli, president, CEO and Trustee of Vornado Realty Trust. Fascitelli discussed Vornado's future plans and where he sees the market headed in 2012 and 2013.

The summit brought together over 400 investors, owners, developers, financiers and principals for a discussion of today's CRE investment and development activity. Building upon last year's success, the focus of this year's event emphasized new development as well as property-type specific panels on office, retail, hotel, notes and distressed opportunities.

Olson, a widely recognized authority on real estate and taxation, has authored numerous articles on the subject. A frequent lecturer to industry and business professionals, his lectures include topics such as real estate taxation, taxation of partnerships/LLC's, high net worth individuals and "S" corporations, and state and local real property transfer taxes.

Olson has extensive experience in business and tax planning, as well as financial due diligence, forecasts and projections, especially related to real estate and facility acquisition, development, construction and operation. At MWE, he is involved with all aspects of tax planning, review and compliance on behalf of clients that include owner-operators, developers, converters and contractors. Although he advises clients in all aspects of their business, Olson's areas of expertise include partnership, corporate and real estate taxation.

Additional summit speakers included Michael Berfield, senior vice president at Equity One, Inc.; Nicholas Bienstock, managing partner at Savanna; Sean Dalfen, principal and executive managing director at Dalfen America Corp.; Daniel Blanco, principal and COO at Broad Street Development; Patrick Denihan, co-chief executive at Denihan Hospitality Group; Ziel Feldman, managing principal at HFZ Capital Group; Michael Happel,

chief investment officer at American Realty Capital New York Recovery REIT; Robert Lapidus, president and COO at L&L Holding Co.; Bruce Mosler, global chairman of brokerage at Cushman & Wakefield; Peter Riguardi, president of the New York Region at Jones Lang LaSalle; Mitchell Rudin, president and CEO of U.S. Commercial Operations at Brookfield Office Properties; Michael Shah, principal and CEO at DelShah Capital; Joe Sitt, chairman and CEO at Thor Equities and David Unger, COO at US Energy.

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