

# Stephen Sandler

Partner

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## Services / Industries

Real Estate

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## Bio

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Steve Sandler has spent more than 50 years counseling and advising developer and investor clients in the acquisition, disposition, leasing, development, financing and structuring of all types of real estate and real estate transactions.

Steve's range of experience includes complex, high-stakes projects involving major office buildings, hotels, apartment buildings, industrial buildings and unimproved land. He has particular depth of skill in structuring transactions and all phases of financing, including construction, interim, permanent, mezzanine, securitized and equity funding that is provided by banks, institutions, pension funds, REITs and private lenders.

Steve, a former long-term member of the firm's Management Committee, has been named to *U.S. News* Best Lawyers list for 2022 to 2024, has been recognized as an Illinois SuperLawyer in Real Estate since 2005 and has been named an Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of Commercial Real Estate Law and Real Estate Finance.

## Credentials

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### Education

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Washington University

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

## Affiliations

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- Chicago Bar Association, Real Property Committee and Real Property Finance Subcommittee

- Chicago Mortgage Attorneys Association
- Board member, former chair, Council for the Jewish Elderly (CJE)
- Board member, Jewish United Federation

## News

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Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 20, 2026

Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 21, 2025

Gould & Ratner Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 15, 2024

Gould & Ratner Named to 2024 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 17, 2023

Stephen Sandler Inducted Into Midwest Real Estate News 2022 Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame, February 13, 2023

Gould & Ratner Named to 2023 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 18, 2022

Gould & Ratner Named to 2022 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 20, 2021