

# Carmen Andrade Principal

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Carmen Andrade concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and corporate matters. She provides nationwide, transactional services to her clients in all aspects of commercial real estate as well as corporate and general business matters.

Ms. Andrade leverages her previous experience as general counsel for various entities, including real estate developers, private lenders and retail companies. She collaborates with small and large business owners, individuals and companies in all aspects of the sale, acquisition, leasing, financing, and development of a variety of real estate including undeveloped, industrial, office, and retail properties including substantial experience representing both private and institutional lenders in commercial loan transactions.

She also handles a variety of corporate and commercial transactions including the purchase, sale, formation, and restructuring of businesses and corporate entities; asset-based lending; and transfers of stock and membership interests. Additionally, Ms. Andrade drafts and negotiates a variety of corporate and business agreements including broker, joint venture, operating, confidentiality, vendor/vendee, service agreements, construction and consulting agreements. She also has substantial experience representing clients in connection with general business counseling and the resolution of business disputes.

#### News

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- Porzio Announces Principal and Counsel Promotions, 7/01/2021
- Porzio Bromberg and Newman Introduces Business Law Practice, 5/20/2021
- Porzio Handles Jones Act Work for Puerto Rico, 1/04/2019
- Porzio Attorneys Present on Environmental Issues Related to Real Estate Purchase and Lease Transactions, 11/18/2016

#### **Articles**

 Cannabis Businesses and New Jersey Real Estate: The Landlord's Perspective – Part One: Retrofitting and Leases, 12/14/2021



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- Cannabis Businesses and New Jersey Real Estate: The Landlord's Perspective Part Two, 8/02/2021
- Cannabis Businesses and New Jersey Real Estate: The Landlord's Perspective Part Three, 8/02/2021
- Cannabis Businesses and New Jersey Real Estate: The Landlord's Perspective Part One, 8/02/2021
- Marijuana Series: Real Estate Opportunities Fueled by Legalization of Cannabis, The Landlord Perspective, 3/05/2018

#### **Events**

- Porzio's Seventh Annual Ethics & Eggs, 12/07/2023
- Porzio's Women's Initiative Network's Ethics & Eggs Seminar 2022, 12/01/2022
- Porzio's Women's Initiative Network's Ethics & Eggs Seminar 2021, 12/09/2021

## **Speaking Engagements**

- "ESG Adding Purpose to Profits," 29th Annual Morris County Economic Development Corporation Partners in Economic Development Awards Program, May 2022
- "Welcome and Overview: Our Ethical Obligations Related to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and the Elimination of Bias,"
   Porzio's Ethics and Eggs 2021, 12/09/2021
- "Substantive Scramble: Impact of Legalization of Cannabis on Commercial Leasing: The Landlord Perspective and Ethical Considerations," Porzio's Annual Ethics & Eggs CLE, 12/01/2017
- "Environmental Issues Related to Real Estate Purchase and Lease Transactions," CB Title Group, November 18 and 28,
   2016

### **Practices**

- Corporate
- Real Estate

## **Area of Focus**

- Commercial Lending and Real Estate Financing
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions and Leasing
- Land Use and Redevelopment
- Real Estate Litigation



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## **Industries**

Cannabis

# **Prior Relevant Experience**

- YM LLC USA successor-in-interest to Big M. Inc., Totowa, New Jersey (Retail), *General Counsel*, Feb. 2012-May 2014; Real Estate Counsel, 2012
- Russo Development, LLC, Carlstadt, NJ, Associate General Counsel (Real Estate Development), Jan. 2011-Jan. 2012
- KSI Capital Corp., Paramus, NJ, General Counsel (Private Lending), Sept. 2007-June 2009

## **Bar Admissions**

- New Jersey, 1998
- New York, 1999

## **Education**

- New York Law School
   J.D., 1998
- Montclair State University
   B.A. in French and Political Science, 1995

## Languages

- Spanish
- French

