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Practice Areas

Real Estate

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School,
Order of the Coif

Bachelor of Science,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison, Political Science

Steve Chernof is a retired shareholder, now Of Counsel with the firm. As a member of the Real Estate Practice Group in the firm's Milwaukee office, his practice encompasses both sophisticated real estate and business matters. He regularly represents a variety of developers, institutional lenders, real estate brokerage companies, and others in the real estate and business fields on a wide variety of matters, including the representation of developers and others engaged in the subsidized and tax credit housing market. He frequently works with various departments of the City of Milwaukee on behalf of clients to achieve the client's goals. He has also represented the bidder in a public-private partnership in negotiating with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to operate the District's sewerage system.

Steve graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin Law School and is a member of the Order of the Coif, a national honorary legal society. He was the articles editor of the Wisconsin Law Review in 1968 and law clerk to the Honorable Myron L. Gordon of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1968-1969.

Steve chaired the West Wisconsin Avenue Task Force, a group convened by the Mayor of Milwaukee and tasked with working to revitalize a section of downtown Milwaukee. He is now President of its successor, WAM DC, LLC, which has been formed to formalize the revitalization project. Steve also co-chaired the Milwaukee Foreclosure Partnership Initiative with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. The initiative was a city effort to formulate and implement policies and programs to address the foreclosure crisis in Milwaukee. In connection with that effort, the mayor also appointed him as a co-chair of the Milwaukee Common Council/ Milwaukee Special Joint Committee on the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes.

Activities

City of Milwaukee – Past Chair, Tax Incremental Financing Tax Force; Past Chair, West Wisconsin Avenue Revitalization Work Group

Greater Milwaukee Committee – Member, Downtown Task Force

Jewish Community Foundation – Past Chair, Board of Trustees

Marquette University – Adjunct Professor of Law

Mayor Tom Barrett's Mayoral and Gubernatorial Campaigns – Past Finance Chair

Milwaukee Development Corporation – Board of Directors

Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Inc. – Past President, Member, Board of Directors, Co-Chair, Capital Campaign Steering Committee

Activities

Milwaukee Urban League – Past Chair, Board of Directors

Sculpture Milwaukee – Board of Directors

WAM DC, LLC – President

Honors

Named to Wisconsin's Leaders in Law by *Wisconsin Law Journal* (2013)

Listed in *Best Lawyers* (Real Estate Law, 2006 - present; 2016 Real Estate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Milwaukee)

Listed in *Who's Who in American Law*

Recognized by *Chambers USA* (Real Estate, 2003 - present)

Recognized as a *Wisconsin Super Lawyer* (2005 - 2015)

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