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Leigh Hellner is a seasoned attorney with over 25 years of experience in commercial real estate law, including time as in-house counsel to a major developer and as private counsel to institutions across the Midwest. Known for her sharp legal insight and pragmatic business acumen, Leigh focuses on helping clients achieve their goals through carefully negotiated deals and forward-thinking strategies.

Leigh counsels a broad range of clients – developers, investors, not-for-profits, and educational institutions – on all aspects of commercial real estate:

- Retail, office, and industrial leasing
- Acquisition and disposition of commercial, mixed-use, and multi-family properties
- Financing transactions for both borrowers and lenders
- Public-private partnerships
- Urban redevelopment and institutional expansion projects

She is committed to balancing technical detail with strategic vision, offering practical solutions that move projects forward efficiently.

Practice Areas

Real Estate
Business & Corporate

Education

B.A., with Honors,
Northwestern University

J.D., University of
Pennsylvania Law School

Credentials

Member, Cleveland
Metropolitan Bar
Association

Project

Highlights

Redevelopment – Cleveland Urban Core

Led acquisition and adaptive reuse in Ohio City, University Circle & East 4th Street

Office Leasing

Negotiated 50+ leases for Chicago-based real estate owner in downtown Cleveland

Regional Shopping Center

Represented suburban developer in acquisition and build-out

Higher Education Expansion

Assisted private university with campus modernization in University Circle

Mixed-Use Apartment Project

Seven-story complex with 350-space garage in Little Italy

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In-House Counsel

Oversaw deals for 35-property regional shopping center investment firm

Warehouse & Industrial Portfolio

Guided 25M sq. ft. portfolio through financing, leasing & transactions

Student Housing Development

Facilitated 315-unit residential joint venture with a state university

Professional and Civic Engagements:

- Member, LawPact®

Recognition and Honors:

- AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Crain's Cleveland Business "40 Under 40", 2010
- Ohio Super Lawyer®, 2015–2020
- Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star®, 2005, 2006, 2009–2011

Leigh lives in Shaker Heights and enjoys time with her two adult children. Outside the office, she loves music, visual arts, and hiking with her two Labrador Retrievers.

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