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### HEATHER G. SUAREZ

MEMBER



Ms. Suarez has been with the firm since her admission to the bar in 1981 after graduating from Rutgers College and Rutgers Law School-Newark. She has been responsible for real estate, corporate and commercial law matters including complex financing. She has also handled all aspects of the development of real estate, including but not limited to, condemnation, zoning, planning, traffic and environmental issues. As to commercial and corporate law, her involvement has included stock or asset acquisitions, the disposition of corporations, the formation of limited liability companies or partnerships, the acquisition of partnership assets, and negotiating building contracts and commercial leases. She has also been responsible for handling state and federal litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. She has litigated substantive matters involving the areas of contract, insurance, bankruptcy, Uniform Commercial Code, consumer fraud, real estate, declaratory judgment, equity, constitutional law, negligence, matrimonial and employment discrimination.

In 2008 Ms. Suarez was recognized by Executive Women of New Jersey at its Salute to the Policy Makers awards event and was featured in a radio spot by WCBS AM 880 and two in depth television interviews by UPN My 9 News and Channel 12 News. In 2007 the National Association of Women Business Owners - North Central Jersey Chapter in conjunction with the Silberman School of Business at Fairleigh Dickinson University bestowed upon Ms. Suarez its Woman of Inspiration - Corporate Award. In 2007 Ms. Suarez was also recognized by the NJ BIZ publication as one of New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business. In 2006 Ms. Suarez was a lecturer for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education on real estate matters. In 2003 Ms. Suarez was recognized by the Women's Fund of New Jersey as an outstanding Woman in Real Estate.

Ms. Suarez was a member of NJ 300, an organization sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce comprised of New Jersey's most powerful and influential women, and was a member of its Steering Committee. NJ 300 merged with Executive Women of New Jersey, and Ms. Suarez is a member of its Board, is chairing its Bylaws Committee and is a member of its Program Committee. She is serving on the Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts and is currently the Chairperson of its Law School Education Subcommittee. She is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and a member of its Board of Consultants, Real Property, Trust and Estates Section, was the Editor of its newsletter, Secretary to the Board, and is now its Real Estate Legislative Coordinator. Ms. Suarez is also a member of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, served as general counsel and is now serving as a member of its Judicial Outreach Committee. Ms. Suarez also belongs to the Essex County Bar Association. She is also a member of Industrial Commercial Real Estate Women, NJ Inc. She is a past president, and was presented with ICREW's 2007 Star Performer Award, and served on its board for more than a decade. In 2008 Real Estate New Jersey magazine included Ms. Suarez when it recognized New Jersey's 43 Best Real Estate Attorneys. Ms. Suarez was also featured in the December 2007 issue of Real Estate New Jersey when it recognized 50 Women of Influence in New Jersey's real estate industry. In December 2007, the New Jersey PA Real Estate Journal recognized women executives in business and acknowledged of Ms. Suarez's accomplishments in the real estate industry.

In 2006 Ms. Suarez was asked to join the Board of Women's Fund of New Jersey, a non-profit organization. She was event chairperson for its November 2006 Gala, chaired its December 2006 Ask Breakfast, and was a member of the Nominating Committee for the November 2007 Gala. In 2007 Ms. Suarez became a member of the Women's Fund Executive Board, serves as Board Secretary and is the Chairperson for the November 2008 Women's Fund Gala. In 2008 Ms. Suarez became a member of the Advisory Board for MZM Construction Co. of Newark, New Jersey.

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