

Joseph Puchner

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About Joe

Business-focused real estate development counsel

Joe Puchner is an experienced real estate lawyer who advises on a range of matters for clients, including public utilities, real estate developers and investors. He focuses on:

- **Real estate transactions**
- **International business transactions**

Joe takes the time to understand both the immediate interests and long-term objectives of his clients and then develops legal and business solutions tailored to his clients' business needs.

Experience in Action

- **Advising real estate developers, investors, utilities and health care entities on real estate acquisition**, development, construction, leasing, sales and financings.
- **Representing U.S. and foreign parties on international acquisitions and joint ventures**, including anti-corruption (FCPA) counseling.

Recent Success

- Represented over many years the real estate development arm of a prominent Wisconsin utility in the acquisition, development, construction, leasing, sales and financings of top-tier business and industrial parks ranging from 85 acres to 2,400 acres in southeastern Wisconsin.

Education and Honors

Stanford Law School (J.D., *with distinction*, 1986)

Marquette University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1983)

Bar Admissions

Wisconsin

California

Languages

Creole (Haiti)

French

Portuguese





- Represented a California-based national industrial developer in the acquisition of a 220-acre redevelopment site along the I-94 corridor in Kenosha, Wis.
- Represented a New York-based national real estate investment company in development matters for its 90-acre business park in Sturtevant, Wis., and its 1 million square foot multi-tenant building located in Yorkville, Wis.
- Represented Wisconsin electric and gas utilities in all aspects of real estate transactions, including development and financing of power plants and other significant facilities projects.
- Advised on the real estate transactional work related to the establishment of wind farms and solar farms in central and northern Wisconsin.
- Represented owners on significant redevelopment projects in downtown Milwaukee, including the former Pabst Brewery and three historic buildings attached to the Grand Avenue Mall.
- Advised on development of health care facilities, including medical office buildings, research facilities and hospital joint ventures.
- Assisted with all types of real estate issues related to the establishment of a multistate electricity transmission company.

Capabilities

Real Estate

Business Law

International Trade and Regulation

Professional Recognitions

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*[®] (2003–present: Real Estate Law)
- Listed in *Chambers USA*[®] (2004–present: Real Estate)
- Selected for inclusion in the 2005–2008, 2010–2014, 2017–2019 Wisconsin Super Lawyers[®] lists (Real Estate Law)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV[®] Peer Review Rated

Professional & Civic Activities

- Law Clerk to the Hon. William B. Enright, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California (1986–1988)
- State Bar of California (Member)
- State Bar of Wisconsin (Director, International Practice Section)
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (Member)
- International Young Lawyers Association (Prix des Anciens Présidents, 1994)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (Member)
- U.S. Department of State (Foreign Service Officer, 1990–1991)
- Stagiaire, Laissez et Associés, Paris (1989)

