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Experience

Jonathan Roth joined Donovan Hatem LLP in 2007 and serves as Of Counsel in the firm's Corporate Law, Real Estate, and Estate Planning Groups. Attorney Roth focuses his practice primarily on transactional work, including both commercial and residential real estate, corporate structures and start-ups, commercial transactions, corporate finance, international transactions, mergers and acquisitions, litigation management, media and entertainment, and estate planning and probate matters.

Attorney Roth has acted as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director of a number of European and Asian Companies, as well as Chief Legal Officer for a number of companies including a film studio, a scenic railway, and a theme park and office park development company. He has been involved in property development, planning and concept development for major projects in the US, UK and Asia. His experience in the UK includes spearheading the granting of an outline planning permission for development of a major studio-theme park, including doing the executive analysis of the project's feasibility and dealing with all logistical and environmental issues. He has also negotiated the purchase of a Swiss Private Bank, a European Trust Company, as well as the acquisition of, and the due diligence for, commercial real estate properties and various businesses in the US, Asia and Europe. Attorney Roth has also negotiated union contracts, decertified a union, and negotiated settlement of employer withdrawal liabilities from multi-employer plans.

Recent Matters

- Provides services as part time general counsel to a number of companies including and International Theme Park and Visitor Attraction Development Company.
- Handled the acquisition of a number of companies in Massachusetts as well as other jurisdictions including a couple of cross-border acquisitions.
- Negotiated settlement of tax disputes with local and federal agencies.
- Represented commercial and private lenders in corporate and real estate transactions.
- Represented a private lender in obtaining a foreclosure on a variety of business properties and other assets, and the subsequent sale of the foreclosed properties resulting in a recovery of all costs as well as the interest and principal of the loan.
- Obtained new zoning approval for the development of 350 unit condominium development from local village council over the objection of the chairmen of the planning commission outside of Massachusetts.
- Regularly prepares employment and non-compete agreements for employers as well as compensation structures and partner/principal retirement matters.

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- Structured a succession plan for a closely-held company so that the children managers could transition into control of the business while compensating senior family members and siblings uninvolved in the business.
- Regularly handles contracts involving entertainment matters, including music, publishing, live entertainment, and other entertainment media and venues.
- Represented numerous heirs, executors and creditors in estate litigation matters.

Admitted to Practice

- Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Education

- The Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Master of Science in Management, 1989); named an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow
- Wayne State University (J.D., 1976, Order of Coif)
- Kenyon College (B.A. in Economics, 1973, with Honors)

Community Involvement

- Board Member, New England Chapter of the American Association of Kidney Patients
- Member and Advisor to Bandages for Builders, Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation.
- Member MIT Sloan School of Management Alumni Association of Boston.

