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Michael A. Piette is a member of the Firm's Economic & Land Development, Financial Services, Housing Resources and Real Estate practice groups. His practice involves a wide variety of matters in the fields of commercial real estate, including transactions involving the acquisition, financing, development, leasing and exchange of commercial real estate, real estate titles and low income housing tax credit transactions. He has counseled and negotiated on behalf of lending institutions, not-for-profit entities and commercial owners in connection with the closing of sophisticated forms of financing, including various loan and grant transactions involving industrial development agencies and/or Federal and State agencies. His practice also involves environmental and land use regulation matters, including brownfield redevelopment.

In addition, Mr. Piette has been a lecturer for the New York State and Erie County bar associations and the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors. The topics he has presented on include real estate contracts, title and other real estate subjects.

Mr. Piette is admitted to practice in New York State and is a member of Real Property Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County and the Real Estate Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Mr. Piette serves as a Director and member of the Executive Committee for Family & Children's Service of Niagara. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the University at Buffalo Law Alumni Association and Niagara Area Foundation Council, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* as well as *Who's Who in Law*, published annually by the *Business First of Buffalo*.