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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 3, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP](#) announced today that Partners [Dara Kalish](#) and [Joan Velazquez](#) have been named to the 2026 edition of Lawdragon's "500 Leading Real Estate Lawyers" guide.

"They are an amazing group whose work impacts everyone – from the offices we work in, to our homes, from affordable housing to the most swank Las Vegas resorts," states the publication. Selection is determined through Lawdragon's proprietary process of peer nominations, independent legal research, and evaluation of significant transactional achievements.

Dara has more than 20 years of experience advising developers, family offices, property owners, investors and real estate operators on complex commercial real estate matters. She counsels clients on acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, property and asset management, and the strategic and operational challenges of owning and managing real estate portfolios. Known for her practical, business-focused approach, Kalish delivers legal guidance that supports clients' investment goals and day-to-day business objectives.

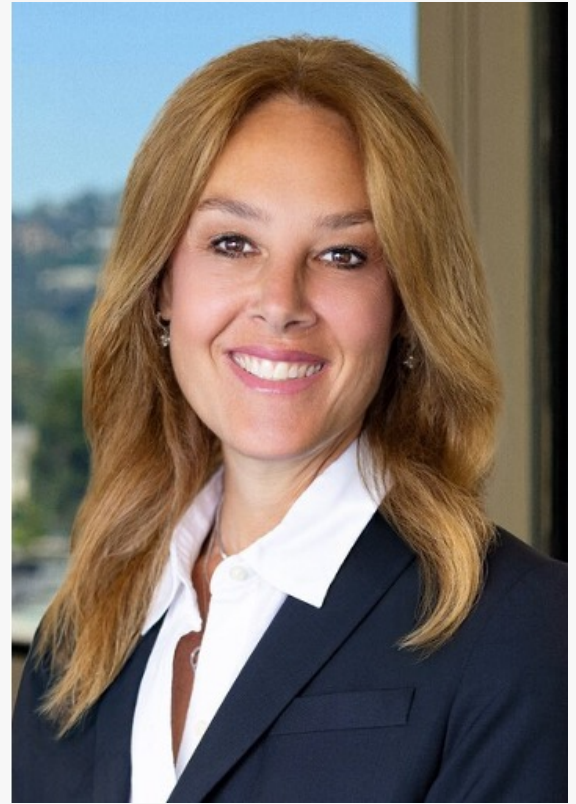


Joan Velazquez

Chair of the firm's Real Estate Department, Joan Velazquez is a trusted real estate advisor known for her strategic approach and creative solutions for owners, developers, investors, lenders and asset managers. With extensive experience across office, industrial, retail, mixed-use and hospitality properties, she has structured, documented and closed more than \$1 billion in financing transactions, including joint ventures, partnerships, complex capital structures and distressed asset workouts. Leveraging her tax background, Velazquez develops innovative, business-focused solutions designed to mitigate risk and maximize client returns, making her a

trusted strategist on some of the industry's most complex and high-value real estate transactions.

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