

Alumnus of the Year



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Stuart Saft is a partner at Holland & Knight and chairs the firm's New York Real Estate Practice Group and co-chairs the firm's Global Hospitality, Resort and Timeshare Group and also the Condominium Development & Conversion Team. Mr. Saft is also the chairman of the Council of New York Cooperatives and Condominiums, served for 12 years on the Board of the National Cooperative Bank in Washington, D.C., including two terms as chairman. For more than a decade, he chaired the New York City Workforce Investment Board, which was responsible for the city's federal job training funds. He was only one of two Giuliani appointees that were reappointed by Mayor Bloomberg.

Mr. Saft received the first city-wide Neighborhood Achievement Award from Mayor Bloomberg in 2010, the Theodore E. Small Award from the National Association of Workforce Boards for his work in establishing the Family Centers after 9/11, and a National Humanitarian Award from the American Jewish Committee in 2011.

Mr. Saft received a BA from Hofstra University in 1968 and a JD from Columbia University School of Law in 1971. He has authored 44 books on real estate, as well as his father's World War II memoirs, entitled "Soldier without a Rifle," and more than 100 articles on real estate, finance and economics. He is an editor of The Real Estate Finance Journal and writes monthly columns for Habitat and Mann Report. Saft is a fellow at the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and has been named to Who's Who, Who's Who in the Law, and Who's Who in the World.

Some of Mr. Saft's notable assignments have included the debt restructuring and rebuilding of the 15,000-apartment Co-op City and 14,000-apartment Parkchester Condominium in the Bronx, pre-bankruptcy real estate planning for General Motors, the condominium conversion of the Apthorp, Manhattan House and the Sheffield, and the development of the flagship Baccarat Hotel and Residences and the Downtown W Hotel and Residences, among others.