

Greenbaum Attorney Senwan Akhtar Selected for New Jersey Law Journal's "40 Under 40"

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Senwan H. Akhtar, a lawyer in both the Corporate and Real Estate Departments at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, was selected for the *New Jersey Law Journal's* "40 Under 40" list for 2011. The list, compiled annually, highlights the top 40 attorneys in New Jersey under the age of 40. The *Law Journal's* criteria for selection of these rising stars in their second decade of practice are that they have developed practice niches, amassed strong books of business, demonstrated leadership qualities, shown expertise in litigation or transactional work and committed themselves to pro bono, charitable and professional volunteer work.

This past May, Ms. Akhtar was elected to the Board of Consultors of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) at the NJSBA Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, and was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* by the President of the NJSBA, Susan Feeney. The *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* is published by the NJSBA on a bi-monthly basis and is sent to all members of the NJSBA.

Ms. Akhtar is one of the few attorneys in the State of New Jersey who is a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP), a credential awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council to those professionals who have demonstrated an advanced depth of knowledge in green building practices and in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. She is a strong believer that, "Sustainable development and green building issues affect all aspects of real estate transactions." That belief motivated her to become a LEED AP.

Multi-Faceted Law Practice

Ms. Akhtar is a practitioner in both the Corporate and Real Estate Departments of GRS&D. In addition, she is a member of three of the Firm's Practice Groups: Banking, Business Financing & Creditors' Rights; Technology; and Green Building. On the corporate side, Ms. Akhtar's legal work includes the representation of companies in general corporate matters, private venture financings, employment agreements, distribution and licensing agreements, and the structuring of new business entities and joint ventures. She acts as outside general counsel to various companies, handling business issues across a number of areas such as employment matters, distribution agreements, brokerage agreements, equipment leasing, and sales representative agreements, among others. Ms. Akhtar has been involved in Merger & Acquisition work and was a key participant in last year's combination of Amper, Politziner & Mattia LLP and Eisner LLP, forming the 14th largest public accounting firm in the U.S., EisnerAmper LLP.

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On the banking and finance side, Ms. Akhtar represents lenders and borrowers in a wide variety of financing transactions, including construction and permanent loans, secured and unsecured credit facilities, the purchase and sale of loans, and the workout of distressed loans.

In real estate matters, Ms. Akhtar represents sellers and purchasers in all aspects of real estate acquisitions and dispositions, including office buildings, industrial facilities, shopping centers, and residential developments. She also represents landlords and tenants in the negotiation of leases for office, retail and industrial properties.

Ms. Akhtar received the Young Lawyer Award for 2011 on March 16th from the Middlesex County Bar Association (MCBA) at its Sixth Annual Practice Area Awards Dinner. She was recognized by *Real Estate New Jersey* magazine in 2009 as a "Woman of Influence." She is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association and co-chairs the Real Estate Committee of the MCBA. Outside of her daily practice, Ms. Akhtar also serves as Counsel to the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council.

Ms. Akhtar received her B.S. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law. She is licensed in NJ, NY and CT.

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP has over 100 attorneys in four main practice departments, Litigation, Real Estate, Corporate, and Tax, Trusts and Estates, and 19 practice areas offering comprehensive legal services. The firm has offices located in Woodbridge and Roseland, New Jersey. For more information, call Erin P. Faltin at 732-549-5600 or visit the firm's web site at www.greenbaumlaw.com.

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