

# 2014 & 1999 BUFFALO BILLS LEASES OF RALPH WILSON STADIUM

Mr. Gilbride served as co-counsel to Empire State Development Corporation, the economic development arm of New York State, in conjunction with the ten-year renewal by the Buffalo Bills of the lease for Ralph Wilson Stadium and the related \$250 million stadium renovation project. This representation complemented his prior representation of Erie County, the owner of Ralph Wilson Stadium, in 1999 in conjunction with the structuring, negotiation, and documentation of the multi-tiered leasing arrangement for the stadium. This representation included securing special state enabling legislation for consummation of the lease transaction and publicly funded renovation of the stadium complex, as well as engagement with the NFL general counsel's office on all league-related issues pertaining to the lease renewal.

## **Practices & Industries**

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