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Kevin M. Carrara joined Rathje Woodward LLC in 2001 and concentrates his practice in three main areas: (1) real estate acquisitions, finance, leasing and development; (2) corporate counsel to a wide range of organizations and individuals engaged in local, regional and national business, from multi - million dollar corporations, to mid - sized, and smaller companies and associations; and (3) commercial and construction litigation and arbitration.

Mr. Carrara counsels clients on their acquisitions, development, ownership, leasing, financing and sales of all types of commercial real estate from industrial buildings, multi-unit complexes, build-to-suit office buildings, warehouse/distribution facilities, shopping centers, vacant land and large residential subdivisions. Mr. Carrara's development and entitlement practice includes activity before municipal and county boards and commissions and he has represented clients in hundreds of negotiations and public hearings before these governmental bodies.

In the area of real estate finance, Mr. Carrara has represented both the borrower and the lender in connection with structured finance transactions, including single-asset and multi-property mortgage loans, mezzanine financing and sale/leaseback transactions. Having the experience of representing both the borrower and lender in these types of transactions allows Mr. Carrara the opportunity to utilize his familiarity of the deal structures to efficiently negotiate the loan and venture documents thereby streamlining what at times can be a difficult and costly process.

As a corporate counselor, Mr. Carrara acts as general counsel for corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, homeowners' associations and medical professional corporations and their directors and executive officers with respect to a wide variety of legal matters. These organizations have found it to be cost effective to utilize the resources of Rathje Woodward LLC to their advantage and save on the cost of a full time general counsel or human resource department. Mr. Carrara's corporate counsel runs the gamut from organization options, asset or stock purchases, buy-sell agreements, asset protection, shareholder disputes, to technology and intellectual property protection. In such capacities, Mr. Carrara has had significant experiences as counselor and advisor allowing him to fully understand the all-important business side of the law and he prides himself on working closely with his clients to become a trusted business adviser with a keen focus on their long term needs.

As a litigator, Mr. Carrara is mindful of the high cost of litigation and routinely counsels clients on the possibility of favorable settlements from an expense and risk standpoint, but Mr. Carrara and Rathje Woodward LLC, also understand that being willing and able to take the case to trial promotes the opportunity of a most favorable outcome for the client. Mr. Carrara litigates a wide variety of commercial and construction matters before state and federal courts and before arbitration panels and administrative tribunals.

Mr. Carrara worked in both the public and private sector prior to joining Rathje Woodward in 2001.

Practice Areas

- Arbitration & Mediation
- General Counsel
- Litigation
- Real Estate, Land Use & Development

Education

- John Marshall Law School (J.D., 2001)
- Northern Illinois University (B.S., Finance, 1994)

Bar Admissions

- 2001 State of Illinois
- 2001 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- 2004 U.S. Supreme Court
- 2010 Federal Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois
- 2017 State of Wisconsin

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- DuPage County Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Kane County Bar Association

Awards & Achievements

- Illinois Rising Stars in the area of Real Estate (2009 and 2010)
- Mr. Carrara serves as an arbitrator in disputes in DuPage and Kane Counties

