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David Graham is Senior Counsel at Bartko Pavia LLP and a member of the Real Estate Practice. David's clients value his wisdom and expertise from having been in their seat—18 years of in-house legal and business leadership focused on tenant-side retail real estate. David has developed strong relationships with developers and owners throughout the country, having negotiated leases directly with them for stores at many of the top regional malls, power centers, lifestyle centers and central business districts. David's expertise has been informed by deep inhouse experience in the real estate store development lifecycle, shopping center construction and retail build-out construction, lease administration, lease accounting, store operations and facilities, and risk management. Prior to joining Bartko Pavia, David led the Real Estate Legal department for 9 years for Chico's FAS, which operates a portfolio of 1,500 stores under the Chico's, White House Black Market, and Soma Intimates banners. Before that, David served as the head of Real Estate Legal for DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse (now known as Designer Brands, Inc.), which doubled the store count to over 500 during his 9-year tenure.

***Only admitted to practice in Ohio**

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH, JD, Cum Laude
- Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) – Finance, Cum Laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Ohio
- The Florida State Bar
- ICSC, member

INSIGHTS

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DAVID GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT NRTA CONFERENCE

PUBLICATIONS

- David is a frequent speaker at the ICSC law conference and NRTA (National Retail Tenants Association) national conference. At NRTA this year (2025), he facilitated two sessions: Managing Outside Counsel and Surrender and Return of Leased Premises.

AREAS OF FOCUS

PRACTICES

Real Estate