

# Linda Ann Galante

## Senior Counsel

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For more than 35 years, Linda Galante has been intimately involved in the most significant real estate transactions in the Philadelphia area. In her banking practice, Linda is a trusted adviser to many area banking institutions, representing them in complex financing matters and corporate transactions.

## RESULTS

- represented Radnor Property Group in a \$55 million mixed use project at 3201 Race Street, Philadelphia in a ground lease arrangement with Drexel University
- represented Radnor Property Group and Episcopal Cathedral in a more than \$100 million mixed-use project at 38th and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia involving several levels of equity investment, debt financing and New Markets Tax Credit financing
- represented Brandywine Realty Trust in connection with its agreement with Drexel University for the development of Schuylkill Yards
- represented owners of Philadelphia office towers, including Thomas Properties and Ten Penn Center, in connection with numerous leasing and operational issues
- represented Tasty Baking Company in negotiating and closing on a lease and financing for its move to the Philadelphia Navy Yard
- represented several educational and health care institutions, including Saint Joseph's University and St. Joseph's Preparatory School, in the acquisition and construction of their facilities, including closing of conventional and tax-exempt indebtedness in the aggregate amount of more than \$700 million
- represented lenders, including Branch Banking and Trust Company, M&T Bank, Tri State and Beneficial Bank, in connection with loans to real estate owners and developers

## RECOGNITIONS

- *The Legal Intelligencer* Women of the Year List
- *Philadelphia Business Journal* Heavy Hitters of Real Estate Awards "Most Influential Lawyers"
- Drueding Center Lifetime Achievement Award

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## FOCUS

Real Estate  
Banking  
Real Estate Financing

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

## COURTS

Pennsylvania Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School  
B.B.A., *summa cum laude*, Temple University, Beta Gamma Sigma

## MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Council, M&T Bank  
Board of Directors and Governance Committee Chair, Title Alliance  
Board Trustee and Chair of the Executive Compensation Committee, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society  
Chair, Drueding Center Advisory Council  
Real Estate Advisory Committee Member, Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Real Estate Advisory Council Member, Sisters of St. Basil the Great  
Pennsylvania Aviation Country Club



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- The Arthritis Foundation Women on the Move Award
- The Main Line Chamber of Commerce Helena Devereux Women in Leadership Award
- Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award"
- *Philadelphia Business Journal* and National Association of Women Business Owners Women of Distinction Award
- Gwynedd Mercy Academy Margaret Beirn Barger Distinguished Alumna Award
- Boy Scouts of America Cradle of Liberty Council Summit Award from the Learning for Life Program
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, listed for Pennsylvania real estate
  - *Chambers* states that Linda "is an experienced and highly skilled attorney who provides counsel on investment and development matters. She has a fine track record for her work on residential and mixed-use projects."
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Linda is an active member of the community. She has served and currently serves on a number of nonprofit and closely held company boards, community and civic organizations. In addition to having served on the board of directors of Drueding Center, Linda also was its chair for 12 years and the recipient of its Fifth Anniversary Person of the Year Award. She was honored by the Drueding Center with the naming of the "Galante Career Development Center" in recognition of her dedication to the cause of ending homelessness for women and children.

From May 2008 to June 2011, she directed the Philadelphia Forum of Golden Seeds, an angel investment group dedicated to investing in early stage companies founded and/or led by women. In 2011, she chaired the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society International Flower Show Preview Dinner. Linda served as a Director on the Boards of Fiber-Line, Inc. from 2007 through 2013 and Wissahickon Spring Water, Inc. from 2005 through 2008, as well as on the Stradley Ronon Board from 1999 through 2003 and again from 2009 through 2013. She also served as Trustee of the Boards of Saint Joseph's Preparatory School from 2005 through 2011, Gwynedd-Mercy College from 2010 through 2013, and the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia from 2008 through 2012.

