

# Get to Know Attorney Michael Cronin

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Michael Cronin recently joined RIW as an associate in the **Corporate Department**. Michael's practice includes advocacy before zoning and planning boards, and representing clients in negotiations for acquisitions, sales, and leases of commercial and residential properties.

## Why did you become a lawyer?

I love the analytical, problem-solving nature of the profession. As an undergraduate, I was a Philosophy major and was always fascinated with the premise that there is more than one way to interpret or understand a situation, and those different interpretations can yield different methods of solving any problem. I learned that this is the foundation of the legal profession, so when it came time to choose which path to follow, law school was the clear choice.

## Tell us about your career path.

I began in real estate in the summer following my 1L year at a boutique law firm in NYC. The real estate landscape in NYC is so complex and interesting that I knew this was what I wanted to do. From there, I took part in a few other real estate-related internships for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and the Massachusetts Land Court and landed my first attorney position in a zoning and land use firm in Boston. At this firm, I got my first taste of the municipal zoning and licensing processes, which I took and expanded upon in my position as a Commercial Real Estate Associate at an AmLaw200 firm before joining Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, P.C.

## Tell us about your practice.

As a Commercial Real Estate Associate, I assist various clients pursuing anything from obtaining licensing, zoning, or financing for their projects to negotiating and executing the purchase or sale of commercial properties or construction contracts. I also have experience advising on the real estate aspects of energy deals for clients involved in renewable energy projects.

## What do you love most about what you do?

I love the satisfaction of providing a service to clients that they cannot provide for themselves and feeling like I am a part of their team, working towards a similar goal and purpose.

## PROFESSIONALS

**Michael P. Cronin**

## PRACTICES

**Commercial Real Estate**

## INDUSTRIES

**Commercial Real Estate**

**Why did you choose the firm?**

I chose Ruberto, Israel & Weiner because it has all the benefits of a small firm, such as a collegial atmosphere, close mentoring relationships, and an emphasis on finding a healthy work/life balance, but RIW also feels like a big law firm and does the same kind of work that a Commercial Real Estate department at a big law firm does. For me, it is the best of both worlds.

**Tell us a fun or surprising fact about you.**

Before attending law school, I spent a year living in Madrid, Spain, teaching English at a local school and playing soccer.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I love watching and playing any sport (especially soccer), reading books, watching movies, or playing with my one-year-old English bulldog, Barb.

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