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Michael D. Rosen of Boston's Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, is known for bringing a creative and practical perspective to a wide variety of real estate planning issues faced by individuals and business owners, particularly for clients with significant real estate holdings.

Michael is a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and chair of the commercial real estate group. He provides counsel to attorneys in various practice areas whenever commercial real estate issues arise, as they frequently do in the context of mergers and acquisitions, construction law, litigation, cannabis and hospitality.

Michael's own practice focuses on all aspects of land use, including acquisition, sale, permitting, development, leasing and financing, and while his primary focus is transactional matters, he has successfully handled significant cases before the Land Court.

One such case was a groundbreaking 2019 dispute in which he represented developers seeking to convert a onetime Charlton apple orchard into a 1-million-square-foot indoor cannabis cultivation facility. Michael convinced the Land Court that a bylaw passed by the Charlton Town Meeting to thwart the development constituted an improper use of the town's zoning power. The ruling has provided a helpful blueprint for



other cannabis businesses to follow.

Other important matters Michael has handled include his representation of the owner of the former Lucent facility in North Andover as the property has been permitted and zoned for substantial repurposing, including development of a 4-million-square-foot state-of-the-art Amazon facility, while retaining a 400,000-square-foot office complex and six megawatt solar array for the benefit of the seller.

In addition to representing buyers and sellers of commercial properties, Michael has represented parties in leasing more than 2 million square feet across Massachusetts, as well as multiple locations nationwide, and lenders in funding real estate acquisition and development projects.

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Achievements and professional activities

Member, board of directors, Lawrence Boys and Girls Club; member, board of directors, Downtown North Association; honoree, Lawyers of the Year, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly