Firm Mourns Passing of Partner Steve Korenblat

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Longtime Partner Steve Korenblat, an integral member of the firm’s Commercial Real Estate Practice, passed away on May 12 following a battle with cancer. Mr. Korenblat joined the firm in 1983 in the St. Louis office and was elected to the partnership in 1992.

“Steve was a friend to all who met him at the firm, as evidenced by the outpouring of love and accolades from colleagues over the last several weeks,” Firm Co-Chair Therese Pritchard said. “Steve was a true Renaissance man who loved art, history, chess and politics. He was also active in his synagogue, Shaare Emeth. He will be missed.”

Mr. Korenblat was involved in the development, financing, acquisition, sale, leasing and management of numerous commercial, mixed-use and special purpose facilities across the nation. He represented private, public and quasi-public developers and lenders in a wide range of complex and long-term development projects, including office buildings, shopping centers, retirement communities, condominium and planned unit developments, transportation facilities and convention, sports, entertainment and recreational facilities. Mr. Korenblat was also experienced in the use of governmental incentives, including tax abatement, tax credits and tax increment finance, to spur development of underutilized properties. He represented sponsors and venues in negotiating complex naming rights and sponsorship agreements.

Mr. Korenblat was a frequent lecturer on real estate and sponsorship law matters for
continuing legal education programs.

Outside of work, Mr. Korenblat was a member of the board of directors of St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts and served as board president for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Deeply interested in modern German history, he was the author of “A School for the Republic? Cosmopolitans and their Enemies at the Deutsche Hochschule für Politik, 1920-1933,” Central European History (Cambridge University Press, 2006). In May 2006, Mr. Korenblat was invited to the Sorbonne in Paris to participate in a colloquium on the origins of political science during the Weimar Republic where he delivered a paper based on the article, which was republished as part of the conference proceedings. In October 2003, he presented a paper on the Hochschule and the collapse of Weimar Democracy at the History of Education Society in Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Korenblat leaves behind his beloved wife Debbie, his two children, Josh and Rachel, and a granddaughter, Emma.