



**Gary S. Desberg**  
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## BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Desberg has extensive experience in commercial real estate transactions through his representation of several national and regional chain store tenants, as well as his work for lenders, owners, and managers of office, retail, and multi-family residential properties. Mr. Desberg's experience includes negotiating and documenting joint venture agreements, limited liability company and limited partnership agreements, private equity and mortgage loan transactions, single property and portfolio acquisitions and divestitures, space and ground leases, management agreements, and easement agreements. Mr. Desberg also has significant experience in documenting commercial loan transactions and in general business law.

Mr. Desberg is a member of the Cleveland (member, Corporation, Banking and Business Law Section and Real Estate Law Section), Ohio State, Florida State and American (member, Business Law Section and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section) Bar Associations. He served as Co-Chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Real Estate Law Institute in 1996 and 1997, and he is a frequent speaker at legal seminars. Mr. Desberg also is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Mr. Desberg was named an "Ohio Superlawyer" by Cincinnati Magazine in 2006-2019. Mr. Desberg was named in The Best Lawyers in America for 2007-2019, and was named Best Lawyers' 2015 Cleveland Real Estate "Lawyer of the Year". In addition, Mr. Desberg was listed in Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, in the area of real estate in 2011-2018.

Mr. Desberg received his undergraduate degree in 1982 from the University of Michigan and earned his J.D., cum laude, in 1985 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

## HONORS/AWARDS

- Ohio Super Lawyer, Cincinnati Magazine, 2006–2019
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2007–2019
- Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, 2006–2018
- AV® Preeminent™ Martindale-Hubbell

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Real Estate
- Business Organization and Transactions
- Commercial Lending

## EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, 1985 J.D. **Honors:** Cum Laude
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1982 A.B.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio, 1985
- Florida, 1986