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ROSENBERG & ESTIS, P.C.

### Areas of Practice

Transactional Law  
Real Estate Development  
Real Estate Finance  
Real Estate Leasing

### Education

Cornell Law School

- J.D. - 2002
- Honors: John M. Olin Student Scholar in Law and Economics
- Honors: Co-President, Jewish Law Students Association
- Major: Certificate of Concentration in Business Law and Regulation
- Law Journal: Journal of Law and Public Policy, Article Editor

University of Washington, Washington

- B.A. - 1999
- Honors: With Distinction
- Honors: Certificate in International Economics
- Major: Economics

### Bar Admissions

- New York, 2003
- District of Columbia, 2006
- Washington, 2010
- U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

Benison D. DeFunis joined Rosenberg & Estis, P.C. in 2017 and is of counsel with the firm's Litigation Department. Mr. DeFunis represents a broad clientele, from individuals and small businesses to Fortune 500 companies in complex commercial and real estate litigation matters in state, federal, and appellate courts. Mr. DeFunis' practice involves a wide range of matters including, contract disputes, partnership and shareholder disputes, commercial landlord/tenant matters, insurance coverage disputes, and employment matters. Mr. DeFunis has also represented individuals and entities, in connection with investigations and proceedings brought by various state and federal government enforcement agencies.

In addition, Mr. DeFunis has extensive experience representing real estate owners and developers in all aspects of their leasing transactions, including negotiating and drafting leases, lease amendments, and lease workouts.

Mr. DeFunis earned his bachelor's degree, with distinction in Economics, from the University of Washington, Seattle, and his J.D. from Cornell Law School, where he was an articles editor for the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy and a John M. Olin Student Scholar in Law and Economics. Mr. DeFunis is admitted to practice in New York State, Washington D.C., Washington State, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

### Notable Work

- Representation of co-owner of New York City sky scraper in connection with its defense of turnover and forfeiture proceedings seeking the building.
- Representation of foreign sovereign bank in connection with its defense of a multibillion dollar turnover proceeding.
- Representation of one of New York City's largest residential landlord in all aspects of its commercial litigation needs.
- Representation of one of the largest insurance companies in the United States in connection with insurance coverage disputes.
- Representation of a New York City condominium board in an action against the sponsor for construction defects and breach of the condominium offering plan.
- Representation of one of New York City's largest retailers in connection with various commercial litigation matters.
- Representation of one of the world's largest facilities management companies in connection with various commercial litigation matter.

### Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bar Association, Member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Monmouth County Bar Association, Member
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Member
- New York County Lawyers' Association, Member