



## JENNIFER IOLI CONNELLY

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Jennifer I. Connelly is a commercial real estate attorney with experience in acquisitions, development, leasing, and financing.

In particular, Jen represents retailers, developers, and institutions on all aspects of commercial real estate transactions. A partner in the firm's Renewable Energy Practice Group, Jen advises industrial companies on the roll-out of solar leasing to accomplish their business goals.

While at Sherin and Lodgen, Jen has had the unique opportunity of working on secondment for two of the firm's clients: one a national retailer; the other, a commercial property management company. In 2019, she completed NAIOP Massachusetts's Leadership Institute, designed to advance the leadership skills and practical knowledge of up-and-coming commercial real estate professionals.

Jen gained substantial legal experience during law school as a legal intern for the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, a federal magistrate judge, and a mid-size civil litigation and transactional law firm. Her final legal internship through law school was at Sherin and Lodgen LLP.

### PRACTICE AREAS

[Acquisitions & Dispositions](#)

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### INDUSTRIES

[Health Services](#)

[Real Estate](#)

[Retail & Shopping Centers](#)

### EDUCATION

Northeastern University  
School of Law, J.D.

Fairfield University, B.S., cum  
laude

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court for the  
District of Massachusetts

### EXPERIENCE

- Restaurant management group in sale of over 20 franchised properties
- National grocery store retailer in environmental investigation and remediation activities at various properties in the northeast
- Landlords, owners, and property managers in retail and office leasing transactions
- Hotel investor in the \$54 million acquisition of two hotels in Greater Boston area
- Real estate business in the asset sale of entire business, including over 15 office leases
- Shopping center landlord in leasing of new construction and rehabilitation of two centers
- Hospitality owners and developers in liquor license applications or transfers
- Industrial REIT in acquisitions and leasing of warehouses and manufacturing facilities and roll-out of solar leasing program

### ACCOLADES

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Featured in *New England Real Estate Journal's (NEREJ) 2021 "Ones to Watch Spotlight"*
- Listed as a "Rising Star" by Massachusetts *Super Lawyers*

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Negotiating & Drafting Office & Retail Leases," speaker, MCLE, May 18, 2022

- “Risks To Consider For Commercial Real Estate Gap Closings,” author, *Law360*, Aug. 4, 2021
- “How to Draft & Negotiate Subordination, Non-Disturbance & Attornment Agreements (SNDAs) ,” speaker, MCLE, April 1, 2021
- “Connections 2021 Networking Reception,” practice area leader, Northeastern University School of Law (NUSL), April 1, 2021
- “Lease Drafting in Massachusetts,” co-author, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 4th Edition 2017, with 2020 Supplement
- “Five Key Considerations of Industrial Solar Leasing ,” author, *Solar Builder Magazine*, May 2020
- “Making Sense of Your Industrial Solar Lease ,” author, *North American Clean Energy*, March 2020
- “From Letter of Intent to Closing Checklist – A Deal Document Inventory,” speaker, Boston Bar Association, January 2020
- “Putting the ‘Use’ in Mixed-Use: Negotiating Leases to Protect Against Abutting Tenant Disputes,” roundtable moderator, ICSC U.S. Law Conference, October 2019
- “Breakfast With The Bench: Hon. Nathaniel M. Gorton ,” *The Massachusetts Chapter of The Federal Bar Association Newsletter*, December 2014
- “Judicial Profile: Hon. Judith G. Dein ,” *The Federal Magazine*, May 2014

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Boston Bar Association
- ICSC
  - Government Relations Committee Member
- NAIOP Massachusetts
  - Member of NAIOP Development Magazine Editorial Board

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Boston GLOW
  - Writing Mentor and Volunteer
- Girls on the Run, Greater Boston
  - Board Member and Secretary
  - Chair of the Governance Committee
- Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association Board (Hingham, Massachusetts), 2009 -2015
  - Clerk (2012 – 2015)
  - Nominating Committee Member (2012 – 2015)
- Fairfield University Young Alumni Committee (Boston Chapter)