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Mario Paura is a partner at Stikeman Elliott and is the Head of the Toronto office's Real Estate Group and Co-Head of the National Real Estate Group. He is an active member of the Mergers & Acquisitions Group, co-leader of the Retail Group, and a member of the firm's Management Committee. Mario has over 25 years of experience focused primarily in the areas of commercial real estate, financing, M&A and commercial leasing.

Mario's diverse and sophisticated real estate practice includes all aspects involving the purchase, sale, financing and development of asset classes including retail and commercial, industrial and office, multi-residential, hospitality and entertainment properties, and REITs.

In his banking practice, Mario has acted for both borrowers and lenders in domestic and international, secured and unsecured financings. In connection with his mergers and acquisitions practice, Mario regularly represents a variety of clients with portfolios that span North America in all aspects of real estate investment. He effectively provides clients with customized and practical advice on purchases and divestitures of businesses by way of share and asset purchases, partnerships and joint ventures. Clients rely on Mario's significant experience to help them maximize value and increase management efficiency.

Mario is consistently recognized as a leading lawyer by the legal industry's most prominent directories including *Chambers*, *Best Lawyers*, *Lexpert*, *Legal 500* and *International Financial Law Review*.

Mario is the North American Regional Forum Liaison Officer for the Real Estate Committee of the International Bar Association, and a member of the Real Property Sections of both the Canadian Bar Association and the American Bar Association, as well as the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Purchase and Sale Committee within the American Bar Association's Commercial Transactions Group. Mario is a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, including a member of the College's Board of Regents, Provincial Chair for Ontario, and of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the College. He is also a Director of the CIBPA Education Foundation and is a past President and former CEO of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association (CIBPA).