

PRACTICES:

- Global Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships
- Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs
 - State and Local Government Affairs
 - National Government Affairs
- Economic Stimulus

INDUSTRIES:

- Real Estate



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Experience

Steve Labovitz focuses on government affairs at a local, state and federal level. He specializes in legislative action, economic development, public finance and privatization and has extensive experience in formulating public/private partnerships for companies that have business issues with the government sector and governments that are interested in privatization or outsourcing governmental tasks.

In addition, Mr. Labovitz has worked in the area of economic development and has been instrumental in working with governments and developers in creating tax incentives for large development projects including establishing tax allocation districts in order to create and implement public private partnerships. Mr. Labovitz served as one of the principal negotiators for the City of San Diego in its construction of a new baseball park as part of its downtown redevelopment efforts. Mr. Labovitz was also counsel and architect for the tax allocation district and the public financing utilized for the Atlantic Station project, the largest Brownfield development project in the country.

Prior to joining McKenna Long & Aldridge, Mr. Labovitz served as Chief of Staff for the City of Atlanta from 1994 to 1997. Generally regarded as having brought business acumen and organization to Atlanta's City Hall, Mr. Labovitz was instrumental in the redevelopment of the downtown business district. He is noted as the architect of the financial and business terms leading to the \$141 million Philips Arena in downtown Atlanta, where an additional \$72 million in public improvements were associated with the arena.

Mr. Labovitz was recognized as a "Georgia Super Lawyer" in the area of Government Law by *Atlanta* Magazine and in 2009 he was named to *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite in the area of Governmental Affairs.

Education

- J.D., Emory University School of Law
- B.S., University of Pittsburgh, *magna cum laude*

Admitted

- Georgia
- Pennsylvania

McKenna Long
& Aldridge
Attorneys at Law LLP

+ Seminars And Presentations:

- Moderator, "Financing Development Projects: A New Perspective on Financing Options." Association of Defense Communities Annual Conference, Newport Beach, July 2007.
- "Tax Allocation Districts in Georgia." The ABCs of TADs: Myths, Facts and Practical Applications, Atlanta, April 2007.
- "The Legal ABCs of Tax Allocation Districts." Georgia Department of Community Affairs, March 2006.
- Panelist, Georgia City/County Management Association Spring Conference, Athens, 2006.
- "Tax Allocation Districts: Shaping the Future of Public Places, Spaces and Needs." National Association of Counties' Large Urban Caucus Meeting, Atlanta, 2006.

+ Professional Activities:

- American Bar Association
- American Jewish Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board Member
- Atlanta Jewish Federation, Chair of Government and Community Relations, Executive Committee
- American Israeli Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Atlanta Zoo, Board Member
- Centennial Olympic Park Area (COPA)
- Central Atlanta Progress, Board Member
- Georgia Bar Association
- Jewish Family and Career Services, Board Member
- Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Leadership Atlanta
- Metro Atlanta Boys and Girls Club
- Regional Leadership Foundation
- Urban Land Institute

- Council for Quality Growth,
Board Member