



CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD PROVIDES LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON TWO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS NOMINATED FOR CONNECTICUT LEASE OF THE YEAR BY NAIOP

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Cummings & Lockwood LLC is pleased to announce that two of its clients' commercial real estate transactions have been nominated for the *Connecticut Lease of the Year* by the Connecticut and Suburban New York chapter of the NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association serving the regional market.

Each year, NAIOP members select and recognize outstanding real estate stars and projects for their impact on the community, market adaptability, ingenuity, and local contributions. Out of three projects nominated for this year's *Connecticut Lease of the Year*, two projects -- Octagon and Crius Energy -- were managed on the legal front by Cummings & Lockwood's commercial real estate attorneys, Jonathan B. Mills, Principal, and Scott T. Witthuhn, Associate.

- Octagon, Inc.: Cummings & Lockwood represented a George Comfort & Sons, Inc. entity, as landlord, in connection with the negotiation, drafting, and execution of a lease with Octagon, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., for approximately 57,000 square feet at 290 Harbor Drive at the waterfront Shippan Landing office complex in Stamford, CT.
- Crius Energy, LLC: Cummings & Lockwood represented Crius Energy, LLC, an independent retailer of electricity, natural gas and solar energy products, as tenant, in connection with the negotiation, drafting, and execution of its new headquarters lease for more than 45,000 square feet at 535 Connecticut Avenue in Norwalk, CT. Cummings & Lockwood also provided legal counsel in connection with the securing of various government incentives.

"We are grateful to be recognized by our peers in the commercial real estate industry here in Connecticut and Westchester County," said Jonathan B. Mills, Firm-wide Chairman and Managing Director of Cummings & Lockwood, as well as a member of the Firm's Commercial Real Estate Group.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the 2017 Night of the Stars Awards Gala on Thursday, April 20th, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich.

About NAIOP

NAIOP Connecticut and Suburban New York is a chapter of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association serving the local market. NAIOP is the leading organization for developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate, with 18,000 members in North America. NAIOP advances responsible commercial real estate development and advocates for effective public policy.