

# **Sublease Negotiation Tips**

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### Overview

- Why Now?
- Sublease v. Assignment
- Misconceptions
- Different Approaches to Drafting a Sublease

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#### **General Issues**

- Structure of Transaction
  - Limits Established by Prime Lease
  - Termination of Prime Lease = Termination of Sublease
- · Relationship of Parties
  - Privity of Contract
  - Solutions:
    - 1. Sublandlord as the Enforcer
    - 2. Assignment of Rights
    - 3. Self-Help
    - 4. Pass-Through Remedies/Rights
    - 5. Recognition Agreement

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### **General Issues**

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- Modification of Prime Lease
  - Sublandlord will want to retain right to modify the Prime Lease without subtenant's consent.
  - Limit subtenant's consent rights to modifications which would:
    - Adversely affect subtenant's rights.
    - Increase obligations of subtenant.
    - Decrease size of subleased premises or shorten term of sublease.
    - Sublandlord can amend the excluded obligations without subtenant consent.

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## **General Issues**

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- Other Factors to Consider:
  - Entire Premises v. Partial Premises
  - Length of Term
  - Rent Amount
  - Time Periods for Performance and Notification

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#### Issues

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