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Current Scope of Practice

Paul M. Kawakami, a partner with the firm's Real Estate & Finance Group, focuses his practice on a wide range of real estate transactional and business matters. He specializes in the acquisition, development, sale and exchange of real estate; retail, office and industrial leasing; real estate financing and secured transactions, including acquisition, construction, mezzanine and permanent loans; loan modifications, workouts and restructurings; and the formation of joint ventures and LLCs.

Mr. Kawakami represents developers, investors, institutional lenders, end-users, and educational institutions with respect to transactions involving shopping centers, restaurants, urban campuses, mixed-use complexes, office buildings, big box retail stores, hotels, build-to-suit facilities, apartment buildings, office parks, professional centers and industrial sites.

Mr. Kawakami's representative transactions include: representing developers, financial institutions, insurance companies, and other owners of office and industrial buildings and shopping centers located throughout California; assisting a private university and a film studio with all of their respective real estate needs, including land acquisition and disposition, ancillary office space leases, and other issues relating to their urban campuses and satellite locations; representing national big box retail chains in the acquisition, development, sale, and exchange of sites throughout the Western United States; representing both owners and tenants in the drafting and negotiation of ground leases and space leases for office, retail, and industrial uses; represent both lenders and borrowers with respect to new financing transactions and the workout and restructuring of existing debt; and assisting a client acquire, finance, operate, and dispose of hotels throughout the United States.

Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

Mr. Kawakami is admitted to practice in California. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the International Council of Shopping Centers, and the Urban Land Institute. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of California, and was also a co-chair of the Real Estate Finance Subsection.

Presentations and Publications

Mr. Kawakami frequently publishes articles and gives lectures on real estate matters.

Recent presentations include: “Legal Issues And Opportunities In Acquiring Distressed Assets”, “Hot Tips and New Issues on Loan Workouts,” moderating a panel of leading industry experts for an Urban Land Institute program titled “Secrets of the Dealmakers,” and moderating a panel of lawyers and law school professionals at Sedgwick’s 2011 Diversity Symposium.

Education

Mr. Kawakami earned his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1983. He received his A.B. with honors in American History from the University of California at Davis in 1980.