



Mohammad Walizadeh

Partner

Mohammad practices commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate matters, serving as Leader of the Real Estate Litigation Group. He handles a diverse range of litigation that includes lease and contract actions, partition actions, debt collection cases, partnership disputes, and bankruptcy matters.

With litigation experience spanning a broad spectrum of industries, Mohammad has represented and advised clients that include real estate owners, managers and developers, shopping centers, health and senior care providers, and public agencies. Mohammad has litigated the enforcement of leases as well as business and sales agreements to recover money or regain possession of property, and has experience using provisional remedies to obtain faster results for clients. He has also worked on numerous eviction cases for both commercial and residential premises.

Mohammad commits time to providing pro bono legal services, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. He is also active in the Bar Association of San Francisco's Courthouse Landlord/Tenant Project, conducting settlement negotiations on behalf of low income tenants defending against evictions.

Representative Work

Represent community, regional, and international shopping centers in lease disputes including those relating to non-payment of rent, exclusives, tenant improvements, and defaults.

Represent landlords and property owners in national bankruptcy matters.

Represents clients in debt collection cases and enforcement of contracts, including successfully obtaining provisional remedies and attachment orders.

Successfully litigated the rent arbitration to determine the annual rent owed for Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

Successfully defended a shopping center landlord and property developer in a six-month arbitration pertaining to breach of contract claims, property tax issues, and damages in an alleged amount of \$300 million.

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Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Real Estate

Shopping Centers

Trust & Estate Litigation

Class Actions

Business Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy

Health / Senior Care Real Estate

Presentations

"May the Lease Be With You, Though the Enforce May Not: Lessons Learned from Litigating Lease Clauses," ICSC Law Conference in San Antonio (October 2017)

"Terminating Commercial Tenancies," Lorman Seminar on Landlord-Tenant Law (February 2014)

"Commercial Evictions," Lorman Seminar on Landlord-Tenant Law (August 2012)

"Evictions: Dark Side of Property Management," LeadingAge, CA (May 2007)

Honors & Awards

Outstanding Volunteer Award, Justice & Diversity Center of BASF (2013)

Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (2005, 2011)

Professional Affiliations

BASF Justice and Diversity Center Board of Directors

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

International Council of Shopping Centers

Bar Association of San Francisco

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law (2004)

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of California, Los Angeles (2000)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California