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Firm Leadership

Management Committee, Member
Real Estate Litigation Practice Leader
Diversity & Inclusion Network, Member

Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate
- Shopping Centers
- Class Actions
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Creditor's Rights and Bankruptcy
- Health / Senior Care Real Estate
- Business Disruption Strategies

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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, easement and boundary disputes, partition actions, debt collection cases, partnership and joint venture disputes, voidable transfer claims, and bankruptcy matters. He also represents Santa Clara Stadium Authority, the public agency owner of Levi's Stadium, in multiple lawsuits regarding the stadium and its operations.

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

Pro Bono

Mohammad has served on the Board of Directors for the Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. He also served for 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

Levi's Stadium. Successfully litigated a rent arbitration to increase the annual rent owed by the 49ers for Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. Lead litigation counsel for multiple lawsuits pertaining to Stadium management and monetary claim disputes.

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

Provisional Remedies. Successfully obtained provisional and time sensitive remedies, including temporary restraining orders, injunctions and attachment orders.

Property Owners. Represent property owners in easement and boundary disputes, trespass and nuisance claims, property management disputes, and real estate partition proceedings.

Property Sales. Represent clients in cases involving failures to disclose and breach of purchase-sale agreement claims.

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

Partnership Disputes. Represent clients in cases involving ownership and breach of partnership agreement disputes.

Bankruptcy Creditor's Claims. Represent clients in national bankruptcy matters as creditor's counsel.

Presentations

"Law Firm Economics (101)," Real Estate Litigation Group (July 2025)

"Post-COVID Vacancies: Case Study on San Francisco's Efforts and Challenges to Relet and Revitalize," ICSC Law Conference in Florida (October 2024)

"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 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

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