

# Real Estate Litigation: Practice Profile

Seyfarth Shaw LLP's real estate litigation team has more than 40 attorneys in eight cities throughout the United States, with experience in a broad spectrum of real estate disputes, including topics of concern in a specific region and matters of nationwide scope. We have a keen understanding of the business issues involved in these real estate disputes, and work closely with our clients and transactional real estate attorneys to develop a plan of action intended to either quickly resolve or avoid litigation, or aggressively litigate to a successful litigation outcome. In those instances where litigation can neither be avoided nor quickly resolved, we have a deep bench of seasoned real estate litigators who are capable of managing and positioning the lawsuit for a successful outcome.

As part of a full-service national firm with a large and skilled real estate practice, we collaborate with attorneys in other practice areas to provide clients with a thorough evaluation of each case, from our colleagues who are familiar with specialized transactional and contract real estate matters to those experienced in complex environmental or construction issues.

Although we have a sizable bench throughout the United States, the approach we take to handling litigation is similar to that of a boutique firm – savvy, efficient, solution-driven and focused on the client's needs. Our solution-driven approach is apparent in our philosophy about taking a case to trial, which we see as a delicate balancing act requiring an understanding of when it is best and least expensive for the client to settle a case, and knowing when it is in the client's best interest for a case to be tried.

## Real Estate Litigation Group Facts

### Representative Clients

The Firm represents real estate developers; builders; owners/landlords; tenants; franchisors; real estate management companies; institutional investors; lenders; REITs; sponsors of cooperative and condominium offering plans; contractors; neighborhood groups; cooperative corporations and condominium associations; and other parties who have interests that might be affected by abutting properties.

We also work with individuals who have business interests and companies involved in disputes relating to real estate partnerships; brokerage issues; title disputes; sale acquisition disputes; and other commercial and business disputes.

### Key Offerings

- Administrative Proceedings
- Bankruptcy and Workout-Related Real Estate Litigation
- Commercial Lease Disputes
- Condominium Association and Co-Operative Corporation Disputes

## Key Offerings continued

Contract Deposit and Other Litigation  
Relating to Contracts for Sale of Real Property

Construction Litigation and Claims Analysis

Dissolution Proceedings Relating to Entities

Eminent Domain and Condemnation  
Proceedings

Environmental Disputes

Franchise-Related Real Estate Matters

Guarantee Disputes

ILSA Litigation

Insurance Coverage Litigation

Land Use Litigation

Managing Agent Litigation

Mortgage/Lien Foreclosure Litigation

Partition Actions

Real Estate Brokerage Disputes

Real Estate Loan Litigation

Real Estate Partnership Disputes

Receivership Applications

Sale-Leaseback Disputes

Sponsor-Developer Litigation

Title-Related Litigation

Violation Proceedings

Warranty Claims and Construction  
Defect Claims

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