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Michael E. Meyer has developed a national reputation as one of the preeminent leasing attorneys in the United States.

He regularly represents many of this country's leading financial institutions, accounting firms and law firms in connection with major lease transactions throughout the United States.

Representative of the major leases he has done for tenants recently include City National Bank headquarters lease (525,000 sq.ft. in Los Angeles, CA), Sempra headquarters lease (300,000 sq.ft. in San Diego, CA), Nestle USA headquarters lease (205,833 sq.ft. in Arlington, VA), ICM Partners headquarters lease (111,591 in Los Angeles), and Northern Trust's headquarters lease (450,000 sq.ft. in Chicago, IL). Recently he won a \$5.6 million dollar Fair Market Rental Rate arbitration award for Capitol Records.

Mike is considered one of the country's leading authorities on renewal rights, the establishment of fair market rental rates pursuant to arbitrations, the assignment and subleasing provision, and the inter-relationships between the tenant improvement agreement and the rent commencement date. He served for ten years as a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) in Los Angeles. He has served as judge pro tem in the Los Angeles Municipal Courts and presently serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. He developed the definition of fair market rental rate which, in one form or another, is used in numerous major lease transactions, and has been intimately involved in many arbitrations/mediations involving fair market rental rates.

In a vote by his peers, which was published by *Los Angeles magazine*, he was ranked in the Top 100 of all the Super Lawyers in Southern California for the past five years. In 2011, Mike was named Real Estate Lawyer of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Mike has been named *CoreNet Globals* Real Estate Professional of the Year; the *Los Angeles Business Journal* named him one of the 25 Most Powerful Attorneys in Los Angeles; he was named one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in California by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

The respected English legal directory, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, has repeatedly ranked Mike in California's top tier (Band 1) for real estate law. In 2017, he was elected President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

He was named among the 500 Leading Lawyers in the United States by *Lawdragon* for five years. He has been listed in *Woodward White* for Best of the Best for over 20 years and in 2014 was named Los Angeles Real Estate Lawyer of the year by *Woodward White*.

He has served on the board of directors of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, Los Angeles Police Foundation, and LA Sports & Entertainment Commission.

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Mike has lectured to numerous city organizations, including real estate brokers, landlords and developer groups, interior design groups and real estate appraisers. He also has presented various seminars to BOMA, PLI, CLE, CEB, American Arbitration Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, State Bar of California and the American Bar Association. He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Education

- J.D., The University of Chicago
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- University of Chicago Law School Alumni Association of Southern California, President (1980 – 1982)
- Elected President in the first contested election in 20 years, Los Angeles County Bar Association (term to commence in 2017)
- Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Bar Foundation
- Board of Directors, New Otani America Corporation (1980 - 1990)
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association

Civic and Charitable

- Board of Directors, Jackie Robinson Foundation
- Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Los Angeles Building Owners and Managers Association (1985 - 2005)
- Board of Directors, Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission
- Board of Directors, Los Angeles Police Foundation
- Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Foundation (1995 - 2005)
- Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America, Greater Los Angeles (1997 - 2006)
- Board of Directors, United Way (1992 – 1995)
- Board of Directors, Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (1998 - 2004)
- Board of Directors, Natasha Watley Foundation

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