



# Mark Cameron

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Alternative  
Dispute Resolution

Commercial & Business Litigation

Commercial Lease Disputes

Construction Claims & Litigation

Land Disputes, Easements & Lien  
Priority Claims

Environmental

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Mark is a business law adviser, expeditor, strategist, and litigator who for over 35 years has handled complex client matters involving environmental contamination, due diligence, commercial leasing, sales, loans, guarantees, and receiverships, construction defects, accessibility claims, insurance claims, and the enforcement of private contracts and real property rights.

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**General:** Mark has protected and recovered assets and advised regarding the legal rights of high net-worth owners of businesses and real estate assets, quality fast food chains, commercial building owners and lessees, banks, developers, manufacturers, contractors, realtors, wineries, insureds, and court-appointed receivers.

**Environmental:** Mark has advised, negotiated, and litigated in matters concerning regulatory compliance, all appropriate inquiries, bona fide prospective purchaser protections, cost-effective remediation, private damages claims, and environmental insurance, working with county environmental agencies, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the EPA. Clients have successfully resolved legal problems arising from contamination of soil, soil vapor, groundwater, and indoor air by PCE, TCE, PCBs, BTEX, MTBE, other petroleum products, and lead. Transactional advice and drafting has helped clients predict and control environmental liability risks and costs and qualify for legal safe harbors associated with the ownership, sale, purchase, and leasing of contaminated real estate. Some have recouped large sums from insurers or contaminators.

**Lending:** Mark has enforced secured commercial loans and unsecured guaranties in excess to \$60,000,000, including participated loans, and effected receivership, foreclosure, attachment, deficiency recovery, and preservation of rents, entitlements, and tenants key to real property value. Mark has defended against lender liability claims.

**Construction:** Mark has written extensively for the profession concerning California construction defects law. He has handled disputes over construction product defects, delays, contracts, and subcontractor and insurer obligations, often in the context of large residential subdivisions.

Hiking, golf, travel, rafting, disc golf, mountain biking, and current events. Past collegiate team experience in tennis and volleyball.



### **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law (1981)

M.A., Economics, University of California, Davis (1978)

B.A., Economics, University of California, Davis (1976)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Chapter 33, "Defective Construction," *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 4th*

Chapter 41, "Receivers," *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 4th*

Various other articles in the *Daily Journal* and the *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate Newsalert* in the past 35 years

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

California Lawyers Association – Member, Sections on Environmental Law, Litigation, and Real Property

Contra Costa County Bar Association – Member, Real Property Section

Rosie the Riveter Charitable Trust – Board of Directors Member (2012–2018)

Uniformed Leader: Boy Scouts of America (2003–2008)

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

Martindale-Hubbell – AV Preeminent Rated (2005–2019)

*Super Lawyers* Northern California (2004–2010, 2014–2022)

### **SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS**

"Real Estate Litigation: A Toolkit for Transactional Lawyers," Practising Law Institute (PLI) 21st Annual Commercial Real Estate Institute, San Francisco, California, November 7, 2019

"Commercial and Real Estate Lending: How Banks Got Sued/How to Avoid Being Sued," California Bankers Association, Dana Point, California, May 2014

"Receiverships with Environmental Issues," California Receivers Forum Loyola V, Irvine, California, January 2013 (Session Producer, Panel Moderator, and Speaker)

"The A B 'Seize' re Powers of Receiverships," Turnaround Management Association, San Francisco, California, February 2012

"Liability Issues in Condominium Conversions," California State Bar 25th Annual Real Property Law Section Retreat, Huntington Beach, California, April 2006 (Panel Moderator and Speaker)

Various other speaking engagements