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RELATED PRACTICES

» Real Estate

» **Experience**

Ms. Clark is a partner and chair of the Real Estate Practice Group. She brings her extensive experience in real estate, land use, banking and commercial transactions for clients ranging from owners of shopping centers, subdivisions, industrial and office projects, residential condominiums and golf clubs, to international banking institutions and hotels. She advises investors, developers and owners on all aspects of their commercial real estate portfolios, including acquisitions, financing, development, construction, leasing, and dispositions. She has served as lender counsel for loans to public utilities, port authorities, universities and shopping centers, as well as for foreclosure actions and work-outs. For example, Ms. Clark’s clients have included the owners of Kaiser Center, an office and retail complex in Oakland, Mission Place/The Beacon, a retail and residential condominium project in San Francisco, the Port of Oakland and East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation.

Ms. Clark has received commendations for her volunteer work establishing and serving as supervising attorney for the Low Income Eviction Project for Landlords. The Project was featured in Ms. Clark’s Entrepreneur Profile in the San Francisco Business Times.

Ms. Clark serves as an officer of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of the East Bay and the Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation.

Ms. Clark also serves as general counsel to the Downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt-Uptown Community Benefit District, from whom she received an award for her outstanding contributions in June, 2011.

Prior to relocating to California, Ms. Clark represented a wide array of international clients while partner and chair of the Real Estate and Banking Practice Group at the U.S. Virgin Islands law firm Dudley, Clark & Chan. While there, she was president of the Virgin Islands Bar Association; and served as a faculty member at the University of the Virgin Islands, where she taught real property law and legal research.



Before deciding to pursue a law career, Ms. Clark served for ten years as chief of staff for the New York City offices of New York State Senator Franz S. Leichter.

» **Education**

J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 1985
B.A., Hunter College of the City University of New York, Political Science, 1972

» **Admissions**

State Bar of California
New York State Bar
U.S. Virgin Islands Bar

» **Affiliations**

- Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation
Board of Directors, 2007 – Present, Low Income Eviction Project for Landlords, Volunteer Supervising Attorney, 2002 – 2011
- American Bar Association Diversity Committee of the State and Local Government Section, Co-Chair, 2008 – Present, Member, 2006 – Present
- YMCA of the East Bay, Board of Directors, 2007 - Present
- Downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt-Uptown Community Benefit Districts, General Counsel, 2010 - Present
- Housing and Economic Rights Advocates, Board of Directors, 2006 – 2011
- Alameda County Superior Court Committee on Elder Access to the Courts
Member, 2003 – 2007
- U.S. Virgin Islands Bar Association President 1994, Board of Governors, 1993 - 1997

» **Speaking and Teaching Experience**

- “How to Reduce Your Taxes Through Green Retrofitting,” Seminar Presenter, September 2009 and September 2011
- “Landlord Strategies for Tenant Lease Workouts,” Seminar Presenter, May 2009, November 2009 and May 2010
- Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation, “Evictions,” Seminar Presenter, 2009
- Legal Assistance for Seniors Conference on Elder Abuse, Speaker, May 2005
- Alameda County Superior Court Symposium on Court Access for Elders, Speaker, March 2003
- Oakland Housing Authority Seminars for Section 8 Landlords, Seminar Presenter, 2002 – 2003
- University of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Faculty Member, Real Property Law and Legal Research, 1990 - 1992

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» **Honors & Awards**

- Downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt-Uptown Community Benefit Districts
Volunteer of the Year, 2010
- Alameda County Bar Association, Individual Distinguished Service Award, 2006
- Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation,
Mentor of the Year, 2006,
Volunteer of the Year, 2004
- San Francisco Business Times, Entrepreneur Profile, 2005

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