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» **Experience**

Mr. Schwartz is Of Counsel in the firm’s Real Estate, Business & Corporate Transactions and Estates & Trusts Practice Groups. Before joining Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley, he was a partner in the Oakland law firm of Stark, Wells, Rahl, Schwartz & Schieffer, LLP where he practiced for more than 42 years. He has handled numerous real estate acquisitions, dispositions and financings.

He also has extensive experience representing borrowers in financings of various types including Industrial Development Authority Bonds. His business transactional experience includes formation of numerous corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships, and he has structured numerous business acquisitions and dispositions. Mr. Schwartz has represented numerous commercial lessors and lessees in lease transactions involving office space, industrial and warehouse properties, retail stores and shopping centers.

» **Education**

J.D., Cum Laude, Northwestern University School of Law, 1966, Editor of The Law Review and member of the Order of the Coif

B.A., Northern Illinois University, with honors, 1963

» **Affiliations**

- State Bar of California, Member, Real Property and Business Law Sections
- Alameda County Bar Association

» **Speaking & Teaching Experience**

Mr. Schwartz has spoken extensively to groups of attorneys, title company escrow officers and CPAs on topics including Section 1031 Tax Deferred Exchanges and specific types of real estate transactions, including issues, pitfalls and problem areas in lease and lease option transactions.



» **Honors & Awards**

- Best Lawyers in San Francisco - 2011, 2012 Editions
- Past President, Oakland YMCA
- Past President Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America and recipient of Silver Beaver Award

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