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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Real Estate, Loans, Joint Ventures, Workouts, and Enforcement Actions, Development, Leasing, Corporate Facilities, Debt Financing

Overview

Mr. Robin is a partner in the Real Estate Department where he represents many real estate investors, developers, and users, as well as a number of non-real estate corporate clients and law firms in commercial and civic projects, including Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, SIMEON Commercial Properties, Simpson Manufacturing Company, San Francisco Jazz Organization, San Francisco Quaker School, SF University High School, Town School, Hana Ranch Hotel, Hotel Vitale, Dolby Family Investments, Margaret E. Haas Foundation, Oracle, Synopsys Inc., Neustar Inc., Lucas Chang Investments, American College of Ophthalmology. He also counsels several clients from Asia who invest in the United States as well as advises clients who invest in China.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Robin had served as Associate General Counsel at MetLife where his expertise included property acquisitions, partnership formations, sale-leasebacks, project development, and construction and leasing activities on projects in 13 states including California, Washington, Arizona, Oregon, and Colorado. Mr. Robin was an integral member of the team that structured, planned, financed, leased and operated California Plaza, a Community Redevelopment Agency project that covers twelve acres on Bunker Hill in downtown Los Angeles. He currently represents MetLife in lending transactions, including shopping centers, hotels, office buildings, and mixed use projects.

In September 2000, Mr. Robin was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Beijing, Shanghai, and Jiangsu Province, China that was led by Senators John Vasconcellos and Debra Bowen. In April 2001, Mr. Robin was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Tokyo, Shizuoka, Osaka, Kyoto, and Hiroshima, Japan, led by Assemblyman George Nakomo. In October 2002, Mr. Robin was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Shanghai, Beijing, and the Three Gorges Dam, led by Senator James Brulte, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Robert Hertzberg, Emeritus Speaker of the Assembly. In October 2003, he was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Hong Kong and Taiwan, led by Senator James Brulte. In November 2004, he was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Hangzhou, Kuming, Li Jiang, and Shanghai, led by Senators Romero and Torlakson. In September 2005, he was a Member of the California Senate Delegation to Hong Kong, Dalian, Beijing, and Shanghai, led by Senators Romero, Torlakson, and Brulte.

Publications/Speaking

Mr. Robin has participated in educational programs in real estate law for many organizations, including Practising Law Institute, American Bar Association, California State Bar Real Property Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association, ALI-ABA, International Council of Shopping Centers, American College of Real Estate Lawyers, American Land Title Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, and CLE International. His publications include *Hotel Management Agreements: An Owner's Perspective and Institutional Investments in Hotels: Partnerships and Joint Ventures, Financing, Development, and Operations of Hotels and Casinos*, Practising Law Institute, 1989; Robin and Pollock, *Opinion Letters from the Recipients' Perspective*, The Attorney's Opinion Letter in Real Estate Transactions, 4 The ACREL Papers 129 (American Bar Association, 1992); Robin and Lipscomb, *Impact of Bankruptcy on Workouts and New Investments*, 31 Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal 670 (1997); Robin and Lipscomb, *Impact of Bankruptcy on Workouts and New Investments*, Single Asset Real Estate Bankruptcies,

Current Developments and Legislative Issues (American Bar Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute, 1997).

Professional Activities

Mr. Robin is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and was Editor of its Publications Program for four years. He is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association where he served as the Finance Officer of this 30,000 person Section after having served on its Executive Council for eight years.

Mr. Robin is also a past member of the Board of the San Francisco Friends School whom he represented in its acquisition of the historic Levi Strauss building. He is a member of the Board of the SFJazz Foundation and represented SF Jazz in the construction of its landmark center for the presentation of jazz. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Center of Hope-Haiti which is constructing an orphanage and school in Haiti.

Education

Swarthmore College
B.A. Psychology, 1970

New York University School of Law
J.D., 1974

Admissions

California State Bar

Accolades

For many years, Mr. Robin has been named a Super Lawyer in California. Since 2006, he has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

