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Rick, a founding partner of the firm and co-managing partner of the San Francisco office, focuses on commercial and industrial leasing. He represents landlords in a broad range of leasing issues, including straight leases, lease-equity, lease takeover transactions, and telecommunications transactions. Rick's practice also includes broker listing, registration agreements, and contract negotiations with architects, engineers, construction companies, designers, and parking and property management firms. With respect to tenant matters, Rick brings particularly extensive experience in lease negotiations and transactions, including renewals, takeovers, pass throughs, subleasing and assignment issues, sale/lease-backs, leases with purchase options, telecommunication agreements, and construction contracts for tenant improvements.

A dynamic presenter, Rick is in demand as a speaker at real estate industry seminars and conventions throughout the country, and has also published many articles on the subject of commercial leasing. In addition to his membership in the Building Owners and Managers Association and the National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives, he is counsel for the American Industrial Real Estate Association, has served as a member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors, and currently serves on the advisory boards of the Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, the Practising Law Institute, and the Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute of Georgetown University Law Center.

Rick is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL), Lambda Alpha International, the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California, and the Bar Association of San Francisco. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1984 as a leading California real estate attorney according to a survey of his peers. In 2004, he was listed in *The Recorder* as one of the top six real estate attorneys in the Bay Area, and in 2006, he landed on *Super Lawyers'* list of the Top 100 Northern California attorneys.

Rick received his B.S. from the University of Southern California in 1966 and his J.D. from Stanford University in 1969.