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EDUCATION	B.A., State University of New York at Albany J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
ADMISSIONS	New York Southern District of New York Eastern District of New York Supreme Court of the United States

Experience

Mark Lafayette specializes in the areas of commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, real estate, and entertainment. He has extensive knowledge of real estate, hospitality, contracts, business torts and intellectual property. He also represents clients in cases involving specialized real estate issues, hotel management, construction, trademarks, including counterfeit product and license related litigation, copyrights, and trade secrets. Lafayette's client base has included Fortune 500 companies, owners and lessees of real estate, owners and managers of hotels, entertainers, investors, authors, music publishers, entrepreneurs, and new technology ventures.

In addition to his litigation practice, Lafayette has advised clients on trademark and copyright registration and protection, as well as advertising matters. He has also represented clients in real estate transactions, including those involving the purchase and sale of office buildings, condominiums, cooperative apartments, and residential property, and the lease of real property for various uses. Lafayette has served as approved counsel to represent major insurance companies and/or their insureds in matters related to contracts, business torts, disability, life, intellectual property, employment, and media.

Noteworthy Litigation:

- Represented majority owners of hotel concerning claims seeking damages for fraud, breach of management contract and conversion against hotel management company and in defense of claims for breach of contract and tortious interference in connection with hotel takeover. See *Ithaca Capital Investments I, S.A. v. Trump Panama Hotel Management LLC*, 450 F.Supp.3d 358 (S.D.N.Y. 2020).
- Represented joint venturer in percentage interest reset proceeding.
- Represented majority owners in connection with management dispute involving Oakland Airport Executive Hotel in Oakland, California and subsequent litigation.
- Secured dismissal of claim for brokerage commission against property owner. See *Vasilios Vasiliu v. Chaim "Harry" Miller, Xi Hui Wu A/K/A Steven Wu, 3 Mitchell Place Loft LLC, Beekman Towers LLC, And Beekman Towers Holdings, LLC*, 2018 N.Y. Slip Op. 32487 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2018).
- Advised hotel management company in connection with claim of default by hotel owner.
- Represented seller of commercial property in connection with breach of sales contract.
- Represented subcontractor in connection with construction litigation.
- Represented owner in connection with construction litigation.

Expertise

 Intellectual Property,
Media + Technology

 Litigation

 Real Estate

Affiliations

Marks Works & Secrets blog, Co-Editor, 2015-2020 » New York State Bar Association