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Michael Wachtell is a Shareholder in the Los Angeles office practicing in the Litigation, Real Estate, Entertainment, Hospitality and Intellectual Property Practice Groups.

Mr. Wachtell has a broad base of experience in complex commercial, corporate and business transactions and litigation in California and Nevada. While devoting a substantial portion of his practice to commercial litigation matters, Mr. Wachtell also focuses on complex commercial transactions, film finance, intellectual property, labor, real estate, securities and environmental law and receiverships. During his years of practice, he has developed an extensive background and expertise in real estate, real estate and film finance, hospitality law, banking, commercial and secured transactions, mergers and acquisitions, securities, insurance, proprietary rights, environmental, patent and trademark law, trade regulation matters and debtor-creditor representation.

Most recently, in addition to complex litigation and receivership matters, Mr. Wachtell has been lead counsel in film finance disputes for clients involving amounts in dispute well over \$100M, has been lead counsel for a Federal Court appointed Receiver in a major mortgage fraud case and is advising several clients and/or serving as lead counsel on several significant trademark, patent and entertainment finance cases. Mr. Wachtell is also currently serving as a Receiver in a state regulatory receivership and as corporate counsel to several privately held companies.

Mr. Wachtell has and continues to serve as a Court appointed receiver, referee, provisional director, arbitrator and mediator in connection with complex business cases. He also is on the Mediator/Arbitrator panel of Alternative Resolution Centers in Los Angeles and formerly served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. He currently serves as a director of the Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter of the California Receivers Forum and is a past member of the board of the Forum's statewide parent organization. Mr. Wachtell also serves as General Counsel to and is a co-founder of an independent hotel company which owns and operates more than 14 hotel properties in several states. Mr. Wachtell lectures extensively in his fields of specialty to clients, bar associations and trade organizations.

Mr. Wachtell is a member of the Los Angeles County and American Bar Associations and various other trade organizations related to his fields of practice. He serves as an active member of the American Bar Association Real Property Section, Hotel and Hospitality Subcommittee. He also lectures extensively in his areas of practice and actively participates in various charitable and civic organizations. Mr. Wachtell is AV Preeminent rated and recognized as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in the area of Bank & Finance by Martindale Hubbell, and has been selected as one of Southern California's Super Lawyers five times from 2006 to 2010.

Mr. Wachtell is admitted to the State Bars of California, Nevada and Virginia, the Bar of the District of Columbia, and is licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He also holds a California real estate broker's license.

Mr. Wachtell earned his J.D. *with honors* at George Washington University School of Law in 1968, where he was a member and contributor to *The George Washington Law Review*. He received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at the City College of New York in 1964.

#### **Areas of Practice**

Litigation

Leasing

Hospitality, Food & Beverage

Financial Institutions Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

#### **Bar Admissions**

California

Nevada

Virginia

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Tax Court

#### **Court Admissions**

District of Columbia



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