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Education

Columbia University School of Law, J.D.
with high honors (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar),
1990

Georgetown University School of Foreign
Service, B.S. (Foreign Service), cum laude,
1987

Professional Affiliations

American College of Real Estate Lawyers
International Council of Shopping Centers
American Bar Association

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California

Speaking Engagements

David has been a speaker at several law conferences of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), including those in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015, as well as the California Retail Leasing Symposium and the Real Property Retreat of the State Bar of California.

Practice Areas

Transactional Real Estate

Experience

David Matthews is a Principal of the firm, specializing in real estate matters. David represents H&M; Gap (including Old Navy, Banana Republic, Athleta, and its factory store brands); Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance; PetSmart; Cinepolis; Ralph Lauren (including Club Monaco, Polo Ralph Lauren, and its factory store brands); Cole Haan; Luxottica (including Sunglass Hut and LensCrafters); P.F. Chang's and other national retailers in negotiating leases and resolving real estate disputes for locations throughout the country. David's practice also includes the acquisition, development, financing, leasing and disposition of properties.

David is a fellow in the prestigious American College of Real Estate Lawyers, whose highly-selective membership is recognized as the top real estate attorneys in the United States. David is a leader within the International Council of Shopping Centers, where he currently serves as co-chair of the Seminars Subcommittee of the ICSC Law Conference Program Planning Committee, and previously co-chaired the Workshops and Peer-to-Peer Sessions Subcommittees.

Prior to joining BZBM, David was Associate General Counsel for Gap, Inc.'s Real Estate Law Department where he was integrally involved in both new store development, from letter of intent through store construction, as well as property management of Gap's existing fleet. During David's 10-year tenure at Gap, Inc., he negotiated thousands of leases and real estate-related documents. He played a key role in developing Gap's leasing policies and real estate practices and has experience handling a wide range of retail real estate-related disputes, including co-tenancy violations, late delivery fees and construction disputes.

Before his career with Gap, Inc., David was in the Real Estate Group of Morrison & Foerster, one of San Francisco's largest law firms, where he represented landlords and tenants in commercial, office and industrial leasing transactions; building owners and developers in acquisition, management and disposition of real property; and creditors and borrowers in secured financings and workouts.