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Practice Areas

- Real Estate

Education

- University of Michigan
School of Law
J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Michigan
B.A., High Distinction, Phi
Beta Kappa 1976

Bar Admissions

- Michigan, 1979
- Florida, 1995

Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of
Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the
Western District of
Michigan

Overview

Kenneth Clarkson is an attorney in our Real Estate practice group. Ken focuses his practice on complex real estate transactions, secured financing, and the organization and operation of closely-held businesses. He has extensive experience developing senior living communities including independent, assisted living, and memory care projects. He works regularly with health care REITs in structuring joint ventures, as well as acquisitions and sales of senior facilities.

Ken's experience in real estate financing includes negotiating institutional and non-institutional joint ventures, mezzanine financing, CMBS (conduit) loans and traditional construction and permanent financing. He also works in the area of government-assisted financing loan transactions including HUD-insured (223(f), 221(d)(4), 223(a)(7), & 232) loan products and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans. He has also worked in the area of affordable housing and is familiar with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and other state finance agency structures, as well.

Ken represents both sellers and purchasers on developed and raw land projects, negotiates purchase agreements for properties to be held for development and syndication, and works with developers in establishing residential and business condominium and co-operative associations.

Significant Matters

- Structuring Commercial Loans in Michigan, National Business Institute, 2004
- Commercial Lending in Michigan, National Business Institute, 2005
- Survey and Boundary Law, National Business Institute, 1986
- Commercial Leasing, Detroit Bar Association, 1988

Publications

- *The Enforceability of Anti-assignment Provisions in LLC Operating Agreements*, Michigan Business Law Journal, Vol XXIV Issue 1, 2004

Speaking Engagements

- Structuring Commercial Loans in Michigan, National Business Institute, 2004
- Commercial Lending in Michigan, National Business Institute, 2005
- Survey and Boundary Law, National Business Institute, 1986
- Commercial Leasing, Detroit Bar Association, 1988

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- Florida Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Detroit Public Television – Channel 56 WTVS, Board Member
- Chairman of the board of a local community development non-profit corporation which supports affordable housing for seniors, veterans and the indigent.

Recognition

- Crystal Microphone Award, 2020