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University of California, Berkeley, B.A.

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D., Cum Laude

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Admissions

California State Bar

Mark Hikin is an associate of Sklar Kirsh LLP in the Real Estate Department. Mark has extensive experience handling real estate and business transactions as both an in-house and private practice attorney. He has represented financial institutions, private equity funds, institutional investors, and owners with complex financing transactions, acquisitions and dispositions, and leasing transactions across various asset classes (multi-family, office, retail, shopping center, hotel, and industrial). Mark values understanding a client's business and its needs in resolving legal issues in a thorough and efficient manner.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Mark received his Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, where he was a California Alumni Association scholar. Mark attended graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis where he received his Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from the School of Law, and a Master of Business Administration, with Beta Gamma Sigma honors, from the Olin Business School.

Prior to joining Sklar Kirsh, Mark was an associate in the Real Estate and Capital Markets Department at national law firm Ballard Spahr LLP. Before that, Mark was General Counsel of a Los Angeles-based commercial real estate company and in-house counsel to a publicly traded real estate investment trust. In those in-house capacities, Mark provided strategic legal advice to ownership and management on commercial real estate transactions and corporate governance issues, oversaw enforcement and compliance with company policies, and was responsible for their financial underwriting divisions.

Mark also has an active pro bono practice. Some of the matters he has worked on include representing: a foreign-born minor seeking guardianship and special immigrant juvenile status, the family of a U.S. veteran killed in action during a forensic investigation into the cause of his death, and a Russian-speaking Holocaust survivor as a defendant in a civil action. He currently serves as an officer and Board Member of Happy Trails for Kids, a non-profit organization providing year-round adventures for youth in the Southern California foster care system.

Mark enjoys playing, watching, and discussing all forms of team and individual sports, and he organizes and participates in annual adult sports camps.

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