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Brock R. Lyle is an associate in the firm's Redwood City office. His primary focus is civil litigation, with particular specializations in real estate, intellectual property, insurance defense, and outside general counsel advisement. He is also experienced in international business, corporate transactions, and corporate formation. Mr. Lyle is very active in the legal community, serving as the current president of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and serving on the Board of Directors for the San Mateo County Bar Association. He previously served as the president of the San Mateo County Barristers in 2010. In addition, SF Registry Magazine (a well-known real estate publication) published an article he co-authored with Jesshill Love entitled, "Eyes Wide Open: Ferris Bueller Wisdom in the Internet Age" describing offbeat social signals to anticipate a market recovery. (SF Registry Magazine, June 2011, pg. 25.)

Mr. Lyle earned his Juris Doctor degree from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, attending on scholarship as a Scholar in Law. During this time, he was active in the International Law Society and the Intellectual Property Law Society. He also served as primary editor of the Washington University Global Studies Law Review, an international law publication that published his student note, "Blood for Oil: Secession, Self-Determination, and Superpower Silence in Cabinda." Wash. U. Glob. Stud. L. Rev., Vol. 4, No. 3 (2005).

While in law school, Mr. Lyle worked as an extern to the Honorable David W. Hagen of the United States District Court in Reno, Nevada and as an extern for the Honorable E. Richard Webber of the United States District Court in St. Louis, Missouri, performing legal research and drafting orders for both judges. Prior to law school, Mr. Lyle worked as an intern for the general counsel of Nutraceutical International Corporation, a health food supplements corporation, primarily addressing trademark defense matters.

Mr. Lyle received his Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Literature from Brigham Young University, attending as a University Scholar. During this time, he spent two years in Paris, France, where he became fluent in French. He later served as President of the BYU French Club and had an article published in the BYU Pre-Law Review.

Mr. Lyle is a member of the State Bar of California, the San Mateo County Bar Association, the Barristers of San Mateo County, and the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. He is an appointed member to the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Bar Association and on the board of the BYU Management Society, Silicon Valley Chapter. He is admitted to practice in all federal and state Courts in California.

Practice Areas

- Business And Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Transactions
- Employment Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Insurance Services
- Intellectual Property
- International

Education

- Brigham Young University, 2002 B.A.
- Washington University in St. Louis, 2005 J.D.

Court Admissions

- California
- Supreme Court of the United States
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- USDC: Central District of California
- USDC: Eastern District of California
- USDC: Northern District of California
- USDC: Southern District of California

Memberships & Associations

- Barristers Club of San Mateo
- Board Member, BYU Management Society, Silicon Valley Chapter
- Board of Directors, San Mateo County Bar Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- San Mateo County Bar Association

Representative Experience

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Tenant's Purchase Options; Commercial Real Estate; Right of First Refusal

Venue: Alameda County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant Real Estate Broker and Agent

Represented national commercial real estate broker and agent in connection with a dispute over the validity of tenant's attempt to exercise purchase options.

Result:

After vigorously pursuing the litigation for two and a half years, our high professional standards required us to withdraw from the matter due to a previously undisclosed conflict of interest between the broker and the agent. The matter settled less than a month later.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Commercial Real Estate; Option to Purchase

Venue: Alameda county Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant Real Estate Agent and Broker

This action arises from a tenant's failed attempt to exercise an option to purchase a commercial building in

Livermore. The broker and agent were sued along with the building's owner following the owner's refusal to proceed with the sale based on his belief that a financing contingency that was part of the option to exercise was invalid, on its face, and that the option had expired.

Result:

The matter was amicably resolved on terms favorable to our client.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Self-Storage Facility; Joint Owners; Partition

Venue: San Mateo County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant Self-storage Facility Owner

The parties jointly owned a self-storage facility in Redwood City for decades before their differences became too great. Plaintiff sought a partition of the property, and the parties disagreed over the accounting for the business and the compensation of the managers.

Result:

The lawsuit was stayed under the stipulated interlocutory judgment. We represented the Defendant in multiple hearings before the referee and either won rulings in the Defendant's favor or reached compromises favorable to the Defendant. The property is up for sale and has several offers, including both parties.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Real Estate; Partnership; Contract; Sale; Defamation

Venue: San Mateo County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant

This action involved a dispute as to the ownership interest in and ultimate sale of a parcel of real property located in Redwood City, County of San Mateo and a dispute as to the terms of a separate oral agreement regarding a stock transaction.

Result:

The matter was settled at the mandatory settlement conference approximately two weeks before trial on terms advantageous to our client.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Partnership; LLC; Denial

Venue: San Francisco County Superior Court

Client Type: Plaintiff LLC member, cable television provider

RMKB immediately filed a civil complaint and sought an injunction to prevent Defendant's lockout of Plaintiff from the company. This application for injunctive relief brought Defendant to the negotiating table, where the parties resolved several of the issues in the complaint.

Result:

The matter was eventually settled and Plaintiff was restored to his rightful place in the company. RMKB has since assisted Plaintiff in purchasing Defendant's interest in the company.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Key Issues: Merger; Non-competition Clause; Staffing Company

Venue: San Francisco County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant National Staffing Company

This action involved the effect of a non-competition clause following one of the parties entering into a merger with a national staffing company.

Result:

Our demurrer and demand for arbitration created leverage for a global settlement involving the staffing company, the merging company/individual, and the non-merging company.

Publications

- Author, *Eyes Wide Open*, *The Registry*, 6/11/2011

News

- RMKB's participation in the Spark Apprenticeship Program, 8/19/2010
- Ropers Majeski's Brock Lyle Appointed President Of San Mateo County Bar Association's Barristers, 3/9/2010