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Experience

Robert M. Zeller is a senior partner at Musick Peeler & Garrett LLP's Los Angeles office. Mr. Zeller has extensive experience in general business, real estate and financing matters involving office, commercial and industrial real estate, including purchase and sale transactions, exchanges, leasing, and financing. In the financing area, Mr. Zeller has been involved in diverse transactions representing portfolio lenders, banks, CMBS lenders, and borrowers in complex lending transactions involving real property, including acquisition financing, refinancing, loan workouts, HUD, and New Market Tax Credit vehicles.

Mr. Zeller received his A.B. degree in economics from UCLA, graduating *magna cum laude* and being elected a member of *Phi Beta Kappa*. He received his law degree from UCLA in 1975, where he was selected to serve as a judicial extern for the United States District Court, and where he was a member of Law Review. Following graduation from law school, Mr. Zeller served as a judicial clerk for the California Court of Appeal.

Mr. Zeller is a member of the California Mortgage Bankers Association. He has served as chair of the CMBA Legal Services Committee and is a member of the CMBA Commercial Real Estate Division, and the Planning Committee for the CMBA's Commercial Real Estate Conference. He has lectured and written on real estate financing topics, including articles for the California State Bar Journal, California Real Estate Journal, Mortgage Finance Magazine and CMBA Legal News.

Mr. Zeller is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell and has been designated a Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyer Magazine* in 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Mr. Zeller's community activities include service on the City of West Covina's Environmental and Waste Management Commission, Planning Commission and Personnel Commission. He has also served as President of Atid Hebrew Academy, Chair of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles (Eastern Region) Community Relations Committee, Education Committee and Leadership Development Committee, and as a Board Member and Secretary of the Jewish Federation for the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

Education

- University of California, Los Angeles, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1972

- UCLA School of Law, J.D., 1975

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California

Practice Area

- Real Estate