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Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, 2007
A.B., Harvard University, 1997

Bar Admissions

California

Experience

Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Judge
Ferdinand F. Fernandez, U.S. Court
of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
(2007-08)

Associations

Chair, African American Attorneys
in Downtown Firms, Langston Bar
Association's Business Law Section

Member, Real Estate Executive Council
(REEC)

Member, Real Property Executive
Committee, Los Angeles County Bar
Association

George Fatheree is active in all aspects of the firm's real estate practice and represents clients in a variety of complex real estate transactions, including the formation of numerous real estate joint ventures and private equity funds across all investment strategies and asset classes; the acquisition and disposition of various classes of real estate assets, including shopping centers, office buildings, hotels and development properties, as well as multi-asset, portfolio and corporate level transactions; numerous financing transactions, including single-asset and portfolio loans, mortgage and asset-based loans, loan syndications, sale-leaseback transactions and loan assumptions, as well as workouts and restructurings; and leasing transactions, including multi-asset master leases and ground leases, across multiple geographies and asset classes.

Some of Mr. Fatheree's recent engagements include representing:

- GIC, a sovereign wealth fund of Singapore, in securing \$5.1 billion in financing in connection with its \$8.1 billion acquisition of an industrial property portfolio from Blackstone;
- Colony American Homes in securing a revolving credit facility of over \$1 billion and in its merger with Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust to form the nation's second-largest single-family residential homes company;
- Ares Management (formerly AREA Property Partners), Colony Capital and Amherst Holdings LLC in real estate fund formations and fund restructurings;
- QIC, Australia's second-largest fund manager, in a joint venture with Forest City to own and operate eight U.S. regional shopping malls; and
- Deutsche Bank in its financing and syndication of loans for hotels including the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay and the Intercontinental New York Barclay hotel.

Mr. Fatheree was named one of *Real Estate Forum's* Top 50 Real Estate Professionals Under 40 and has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the California Real Estate category. In 2015, he co-founded The Associates Committee, a nonprofit grant foundation supported by law firm associates throughout the country who pool funds to award to public interest organizations. In 2016, The Associates Committee was commended by the *Financial Times's* "North American Innovative Lawyers" report in the Innovation and Social Responsibility category.

Also an active *pro bono* attorney, Mr. Fatheree has worked on engagements including securing reparations for survivors of the Holocaust; authoring a successful *amicus curiae* brief to California's Supreme Court on behalf of students with diabetes who required medication while attending school; representing the Debbie Allen Dance Academy in various facilities and corporate matters; representing charter schools in leasing and facilities development transactions; advising school districts on education reform issues; representing students with special needs to help them access educational support services; and forming new tax-exempt organizations.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Fatheree served as the chief operating officer of the California Charter Schools Association and worked as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company and Booz Allen & Hamilton.

Publications

"FIRPTA Reform Impacts Investment Opportunities in US Real Estate," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 26, 2016

"Workouts Involving UPREIT and DownREIT Properties: A Guide for REIT Executives," *Real Estate Finance Journal*, Summer 2011