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Kris Stark provides counsel to a diverse range of clients, including developers, landlords, tenants, sellers, buyers and investors, navigating real estate transactions across the U.S. His practice covers all facets of real estate, including acquisitions, sales, leasing, joint ventures, financing, development, construction and asset management. Kris works with various clients such as landlords, developers, investors, family offices, private equity firms, tenants and restaurant operators.

With extensive experience in real estate, construction and shareholder disputes, Kris is skilled in helping clients resolve complex matters involving real estate assets and interests.

Education

- DePaul University College of Law (J.D., 2005)
 - Executive Editor, DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal
- Boston College (B.A., 2001)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

Capabilities

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Transactions
- Residential & Multifamily
- Retail

Recognition

- Recommended in *The Legal 500 United States 2022* editorial for industry focus, Real Estate Construction
- Named one of Illinois *Super Lawyers*, “Rising Stars,” 2012-2018

Matters

Real Estate

- Advising multi-family developers on the acquisition, financing and development of high-rise developments across the country.
- Advising a developer on the acquisition, financing, development, lease up and disposition of a Class A mixed use building on Newbury Street in Boston.
- Advising an electronic car manufacturer on the redevelopment and expansion of a 3 million square foot manufacturing facility.
- Advising landlords with respect to retail leasing transactions for flagship and anchor tenants in prime locations in New York, Williamsburg, Chicago, Miami, Boston, and Beverly Hills.
- Advising private equity clients on leasing transactions and real estate related issues for their portfolio companies.
- Advising a nationally recognized restaurant group on leasing transactions, management agreements and related issues throughout the country.
- Representing a landlord with respect to a long-term ground lease for a hotel on Michigan Avenue.
- Representing a Michigan Avenue landlord with respect to the management and leasing of a food hall.
- Advising sellers and purchasers in the acquisition and disposition of commercial real estate assets across all asset classes.
- Representing a buyer on its acquisition of the Chicago Theatre.
- Advising the seller of three properties and two related rooftop businesses adjacent to Wrigley Field to the owners of the Chicago Cubs.

Real Estate Disputes

- Favorably prosecuting, defending and resolving a series of commercial lease disputes between the owner of a historic Chicago office building and certain tenants that have allowed the owner to proceed with its anticipated \$130 million redevelopment of the building.
- Obtaining dismissal, at both the trial and appellate levels, on behalf of one of the nation’s largest developers regarding claims of specific performance and breach of contract in a proceeding adverse to a foreign investor group.