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Mark has practiced as a land use litigator/transactional lawyer for more than thirty years. His reputation in the field of land use law has recently been put to use internationally as a volunteer dealing with serious land use issues in Cambodia.

A typical client of Mark's owns or wishes to acquire or sell a commercial property worth \$1,000,000 or more and faces:

- Easement issues
- Access problems
- Subdivision
- Unfavorable regulatory authority determinations as to use
- Zoning disputes
- Governmental taking
- Valuation issues linked to proposed condemnation

One of Mark's clients had purchased property for development, only to have the local government acquire the bordering property and then block access to the client's land. Another was facing litigation over a local government decision to refuse water and sewer service because it disliked the proposed use of the property. Mark has also worked with local governments and HOA's looking to acquire property for utility easements. In one of his more intriguing cases, a U.S. resident who owned property in Eastern Europe needed Mark's help getting cash from the sale to a Virginia bank. Mark and his team of associates have also served as local counsel to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

A frequent question from land owners is the prospective value of their property based on its potential for development. Mark advises clients throughout Northern Virginia and says that development plans which had long been focused on the outer counties is now moving back toward the older close-in suburbs. This leads to entirely new issues as to property valuation.

### Professional Credentials

- Graduate of Princeton University
- Graduate of Temple University Law School
- Barred in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Ohio
- Member, Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce
- Former Cleveland Area Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on tax exempt financing for low and moderate income housing

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