

Foley Continues Salt Lake City Growth with Real Estate Partner Melanie Clark

Foley & Lardner LLP announced today that the firm has continued to grow its Salt Lake City office with the addition of Melanie Clark as a partner in its Real Estate Practice. This new hire continues to cement Foley's presence in Salt Lake City, which follows directly on the heels of the addition of the Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Team in February.

Clark brings 15 years of vast real estate experience to the firm, which includes acquisition and disposition of land, development structuring, and leasing and sale to end-users. She counsels developers of mixed-use, resort, and residential projects, including condominiums and vacation products. Additionally, Clark regularly assists clients in negotiating, documenting, and closing on portfolio purchases, including performing related due diligence review of properties.

Clark also has extensive experience advising clients on real estate transactions involving renewable energy assets. She has represented multiple investors in their acquisition of solar project portfolios, including performing due diligence on properties in up to 14 jurisdictions.

"Melanie's portfolio of experience enables us to begin building a strong real estate presence in a region ripe with opportunity," said David Cook, chair of the firm's Real Estate Practice. "Her keen attention to detail and thoughtful approach to dealmaking positions Foley as an invaluable resource to clients and prospects seeking innovative real estate solutions."

"We are excited to welcome Melanie to our burgeoning Salt Lake

office and tap into her deep regional knowledge that will help further expand our full-service client offering,” said David Wright, managing partner of the firm’s Salt Lake City office. “As a well-regarded counselor by the legal community and clients alike, Melanie will strengthen our ability to support a core corporate practice area in this market.”

Clark has proudly supported pro bono work, having represented foster parents in adoption proceedings, assisted wrongfully evicted tenants in subsidized housing projects, and obtained a presidential commutation for a prisoner serving an egregious sentence for a non-violent drug conviction.

“I’m energized by the opportunity Foley affords its attorneys and its ability to service real estate clients in a rapidly growing area,” said Clark. “The caliber of the team in the Salt Lake office is replete with specialized knowledge, and I am thrilled to harness this energy to support our clients at such pivotal junctures with their businesses.”

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