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## Real Estate Litigation

Foster Swift attorneys have a broad range of experience successfully handling real estate disputes. Our attorneys represent property owners, developers, associations, lenders, mortgagors, municipalities, investors, landlords, tenants, buyers, sellers, agents, brokers, managers, contractors, and title companies in a variety of litigation matters. When appropriate, our attorneys also turn to out-of-court resolutions, often saving time and money for our clients.

Some examples of the types of matters our attorneys have resolved include:

- Adverse Possession
- Brokerage Disputes
- Code Enforcement
- Commercial Lease Disputes
- Condemnation
- Easements
- Enforcement of Restrictions
- Foreclosures
- Land Contract Forfeitures
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Land Use Issues
- Lease Disputes
- Lien Matters (including construction and enforcement of restrictions of condominium laws)
- Loan Restructuring and Workouts
- Out of Court Resolutions
- Property Line Disputes
- Property Management
- Purchase and Sale Disputes
- Real Estate Development
- Riparian Rights
- Slander of Title
- Trespassing

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