

Focus



Integrity



BERDING | WEIL



Commitment

Experience

Commercial
Real Estate &
Business Group

Our attorneys' commercial real estate, business transactional and consulting experience, combined with our proven negotiation, transaction, and litigation skills, enables us to provide unmatched service.

BUSINESS & CORPORATE LAW

Our Business Practice Group advises on a wide range of business issues, from selecting and forming the right entity for the conduct of business, to the acquisition and sale of companies by merger or consolidation or other amalgamation techniques. We negotiate, mediate, arbitrate and litigate in order to resolve disputes for our business clients. Most of the myriad of day-to-day issues faced by businesses are within the scope of our expertise. We can assist with resolution of problems from employment issues to contract disputes regulatory considerations. The client's needs may include a simple consultation on an issue of concern, or may involve forming a complicated joint venture or a partnership, or working on an agreement between shareholders or members of a limited liability company, or reviewing or preparing loan, franchise or other financial documentation. We have knowledgeable practitioners who can handle all of these areas.

REAL PROPERTY LAW

Our Commercial Real Estate Practice Group has broad experience in virtually every facet of real property law. We handle transactions and litigation matters involving the selection, acquisition, financing, condemnation, use, zoning, development, management, leasing, and disposition of land and buildings for a range of clients, including land and building owners, managers, brokers, developers, lenders, and investors. We negotiate and draft documents for commercial real estate purchases, exchanges and loans; we advise clients on such diverse topics as compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, ground leases, land use, the Subdivision Map Act, and development matters involving federal, state and local agencies. From development, financing and securitization, commercial sales and leasing transactions to dealing with governmental entities and environmental issues, to litigating disputes involving those issues our attorneys know the real estate industry. Our clients own, develop, manage, lease, sell, public storage facilities, and exchange and loan against office buildings, warehouses, shopping centers, industrial properties, retail properties, mixed-use properties, multi-family residential projects, and land for development.

Success

Berding & Weil's attorneys have successfully represented clients in:

BUSINESS LITIGATION INCLUDING CONTRACT, LICENSING, EMPLOYMENT AND FRAUD CLAIMS.

TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF OWNERS, DEVELOPERS AND TENANTS OF OFFICE BUILDINGS, MULTI-FAMILY PROJECTS, RETAIL CENTERS, AND RAW LAND DEVELOPMENT.

IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD DOCUMENTATION FOR MAJOR PROJECTS, NATIONAL BROKERAGE FIRMS, DEVELOPERS, TENANTS AND LENDERS.

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, CONSULTING SERVICES, TURNAROUND STRATEGIES, NEGOTIATIONS, FORMATIONS AND BUSINESS PLANNING.

LAND USE

Berding & Weil is active in the field of land use law. We regularly facilitate solutions to city, county, and state issues through negotiations with staff, coordinating appearances before city councils and boards, and by litigating or lobbying for judicial or legislative relief.

Our land use practice involves assisting clients in obtaining land use approvals, zone changes, variances, map amendments and lot line adjustments, as well as negotiating development agreements. Our attorneys have been effective in facilitating difficult land use issues and assisting our clients to maneuver through the development approval process.

CONSTRUCTION

Our construction group serves clients involved in all phases of private and public construction projects: planning, design, re-design, construction, re-construction, dispute avoidance, and dispute resolution. Berding & Weil's construction lawyers handle regional and local design and construction contract negotiation and drafting, bid protests, claims, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution for a diverse clientele.

Knowing real estate, literally from the ground up, gives our construction law practice a solid base. We represent clients who are confronted with complex, sophisticated construction disputes, and we have successfully litigated numerous construction defect cases. Our expertise extends to design and construction claims for commercial properties. We offer a unique combination of practical, hands-on experience in the construction field, coupled with litigation and trial experience. We help resolve disputes among owners, contractors, architects and engineers before, during, and after construction. We have successfully resolved matters involving insurance coverage, contract and change order disputes, large multi-unit residential and commercial construction defect claims among developers, general contractors, subcontractors, and owners of large commercial and residential property.

We understand that the fast-moving commercial real estate and business market demands equally agile responses when our clients call for assistance.

Confidence

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

It is our goal at Berding & Weil to help clients resolve issues with regulatory agencies before they become formal enforcement proceedings, as well as representing clients in those proceedings when necessary. We participate in the property acquisition risk assessment and handle contract negotiations and documentation in environmentally sensitive real estate and industrial, and commercial transactions. We assist in the analysis of insurance-related problems, pursuit of insurance claims, and offer regulatory interpretation and compliance advice related to real estate and business activities. Our counseling and litigation services extend to environmental compliance and liability issues. Berding & Weil also represents clients in matters requiring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA], including whether statutory exemptions apply or negative declarations are warranted. We have represented clients with respect to CEQA matters in both administrative hearings and in court.

ADR & LITIGATION

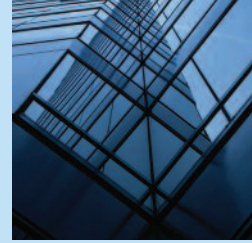
The principals at Berding & Weil have succeeded in litigation and alternative dispute resolution and litigation in numerous real estate matters involving commercial leases, sales agreements, brokerage issues, construction issues, deeds of trust and other security agreements, ADA, CERCLA, free speech rights, land use and zoning and disputes related to easements and title insurance. Our business litigation experience includes commercial code, contract and licensing, royalty and commission disputes, insurance, employer matters, director and shareholder control, profit and diversion of asset disputes, fair business practices, trade secret, trade and trademark matters, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims.

We measure success by the concrete results we secure for our clients: protecting, minimizing risk, maximizing opportunity, preserving assets.

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Knowledge



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