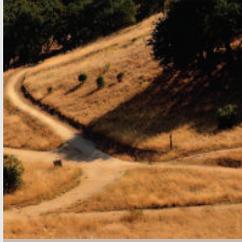




Focus



Integrity



BERDING | WEIL



Commitment

Experience

Our  
FOUNDATION  
is our  
EXPERIENCE

*Berding & Weil is an effective advocate for our industry. By actively participating in our activities, their attorneys' insights and expertise have advanced our interests and helped us speak with authority on issues that concern us.*

**REAL ESTATE**

Our attorneys are experienced in a broad spectrum of real estate issues on behalf of both commercial enterprises and individuals. We assist with land use issues, deal with local and state government agencies, subdivision approvals and subdivision maps.

We handle easements and conveyances, lien claims, development and redevelopment, financing and securitization, commercial sales and leasing transactions. We represent buyers and sellers, lessors and lessees in a variety of transactions and disputes. We are skilled in litigating all of these issues if other forms of resolution fail to produce the right results.

**CONSTRUCTION**

Berding & Weil has successfully litigated numerous construction defect cases. Our expertise extends to design and construction claims for both residential and commercial properties. Knowing real estate, literally from the ground up, gives Berding & Weil a solid base for our construction law practice.

We help resolve disputes among owners, contractors, architects and engineers before, during and after construction.

While we are adapt at negotiating disputes to satisfactory conclusions, we also are well prepared to represent clients before administrative agencies, arbitration panels and before Federal and State courts. We are proud to be among the few firms in California to have actually tried complex construction defect cases to verdict.

**COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENT**

Berding & Weil is a pioneer in representing the legal interests of common interest developments, planned communities, and subdivisions — helping them create and maintain solid legal foundations for their communities. We offer a wide range of legal services for our community association clients, such as CC&R amendments and enforcement; assistance with elections and meetings as well as other corporate matters. We also offer representation before public agencies, and we are expert in the application of general real property law to the specific needs of associations.

**PRODUCT & LIABILITY**

Berding & Weil has been a leader and legislative advocate for community associations for many years. We invest our knowledge, depth of experience and ingenuity to advance our clients' interests.

Our product liability practice grew out of our relationships with property owners, as well as our experience in construction defect cases. Our work in behalf of class plaintiffs has resulted in remedies — as well significant safety and security improvements — for defective sprinklers and a variety of siding and roofing products.

Our attorneys know the issues, the law, the products and the experts. For this reason, Berding & Weil is often a valued, respected partner with other firms in large-scale class actions. In every case, we strive to reach fair, adequate and reasonable settlements for our clients, whether through mediation, settlement or litigation.

## Success

**Berding & Weil's attorneys have successfully represented clients in the following types of cases:**

**RECOVERIES TOTALING MORE THAN \$400 MILLION IN OVER 300 COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LAWSUITS ON BEHALF OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS.**

**ORANGE COUNTY BANKRUPTCY NEGOTIATIONS**

**\$100 MILLION TOXIC LANDFILL DISPUTE**

**FEDERAL SEX AND EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAWSUITS**

**CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES LITIGATION**

**TOXIC ABATEMENT ACTION, CITY OF FREMONT**

**\$100 MILLION ROOFING PRODUCT LIABILITY SETTLEMENT**

**TRUSTS & ESTATES** Our attorneys offer clients counsel and representation born of years of experience in estate planning. In addition to drafting, we also administer — and when necessary litigate — wills, trusts and probate matters. We help clients establish lifetime giving and estate plans that protect assets from unnecessary estate administration costs and taxes, and ensure that our clients' intentions are carried out. Our expertise extends to structuring the ownership of family property, including real estate and business interests, to help ensure that it is preserved for the future generations.

**BUSINESS LAW** Berding & Weil has extensive transactional and litigation experience in the corporate and general business areas of law, representing public and private corporations, sole proprietorships and partnerships. Our clients include small- to medium-sized businesses and emerging companies that require a broad range of business knowledge to deal with all aspects of their business.

Our attorneys know the business they represent — the industry, the challenges and opportunities. This gives us a real-life understanding of our clients' legal and company needs, and allows us to act as an advisor and advocate for our clients' success.

*Teamwork is crucial to all of our relationships. Our attorneys work cooperatively with each other, our clients and their business consultants to deliver effective, pragmatic solutions that meet their needs.*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LAND USE**

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

In addition, Berding & Weil is available to serve as attorney to public entities and to assist municipalities with special projects and litigation.

**APPELLATE PRACTICE**

Our appellate practice group successfully handles appeals in both state and federal courts. We have filed briefs as amicus curiae on issues of major importance, including: the "economic loss rule": the validity of physical presence for determining jurisdiction, and the enforceability of CC&R's. Attorneys in our appellate practice group have argued before the United States Supreme Court, federal Circuit Courts of Appeal in Ohio and Virginia, and the Supreme Courts of California and Michigan.

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



*We measure success by the degree to which we can preserve and protect our clients' assets, help them minimize risk and maximize their potential.*

Focus

Ingenuity

## OUR FOUNDATION IS OUR EXPERIENCE

### PHILOSOPHY

Over the last twenty-five years Berding & Weil has grown along with the needs of our clients. From our start in real estate and construction law, we have expanded our practice to include product liability, trusts and estates, municipal and land use law and appellate law.

In every area of the law, and in every client relationship, we combine vigorous representation with a thoughtful approach to negotiated solutions. Our attorneys work closely with our clients to resolve issues creatively.

We value our clients and strive to deliver the highest quality litigation and transaction services, within the context of a relationship built on experience, knowledge and trust.



Dedication

BERDING | WEIL

800.838.2090  
WWW.BERDING-WEIL.COM