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RELATED PRACTICES

- » **Land Use, Environment & Natural Resources**
- » **Real Estate**
- » **Nonprofit**

» **Experience**

Mr. Epstein is a partner of the firm, and chair of the Land Use, Environment & Natural Resources Practice Group. He specializes in water rights, land use, natural resources and energy law, representing private and public clients in permitting, transactional and litigation matters.

In the area of water law, Mr. Epstein represents growers, ranchers and other rural landowners, as well as water companies and districts, in surface and groundwater rights, water supply and water quality.

In the areas of land use and real estate, he represents private property owners, developers, business owners and public agencies in matters involving development and use of land, including local agency and Coastal Act permitting, development-related real estate transactions, NEPA and CEQA compliance, and related litigation.

In the natural resources area, Mr. Epstein handles wetlands, endangered species, and land conservation permitting, enforcement and transactional matters that arise in connection with the ownership, development, use and preservation of land.

Mr. Epstein's energy and public utility practice involves siting and permitting renewable and conventional power generation and transmission facilities in California Energy Commission and local agency venues.

» **Education**

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1982
- M.P.P., University of Michigan School of Public Policy, 1981
- B.S., University of California, Berkeley, 1978

» **Admissions**

State Bar of California



» **Affiliations**

- Bar Association of San Francisco: Environmental Law Section, Executive Committee member, 2003-Present
- State Bar of California: Environmental Law Section, Advisor, 2006 - Present; Executive Committee member, 2002-2006
- Real Property Law Section, member
- American Bar Association, Section on Environment, Energy & Resources, member
- Coastal Conservancy Association, President and Board member (2002-present)
- City of Oakland General Plan Congress, appointed member (1996-1998)
- The Julia Morgan School for Girls, Founding Board member (1997-2005)

» **Speaking and Teaching Experience**

- Corporate Water Footprinting – Best Practices in Corporate Water Stewardship: Water Policy Development, Green Power Conferences, December 2-3, 2009
- Environmental Land Use Law in New Jersey and California: A Comparative Approach, N.J. Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting. November 5, 2009
- Proclamations, Protestations and Litigation: California’s Drought Response, The State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section Annual Yosemite Conference, October 16, 2009
- Of Whales, Wetlands, Forests and Oil Slicks: The Annual Supreme Court Review, Bar Association of San Francisco Environmental Law Section, November 13, 2008
- Environmental Issues for Nanotechnology, IEEE San Francisco Bay Area Nanotechnology Council, May 20, 2008
- Conservation Easements: Water and Mineral Rights - Special Problems, Special Opportunities, CLE International, November 17, 2008 and September 28, 2007
- Groundwater Rights, Regulation and Use in Northern California, Lorman Education Services, September 27, 2006
- Water Quality & Water Supply Issues Affecting New Development, The State Bar of California Environmental Law Section, August 11, 2006
- The Development Approval Process, Lorman Education Services, August 10,
- No Water, No Houses: California Environmental Quality Act, Fresno Bar Association, April 20, 2006
- Water Rights 101: Is it Wet? Is it Mine? Real Estate Roundtable Forum, April 14, 2005

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» **Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- Water Supply & Land Use, University of San Francisco School of Law Water Law Symposium: Water in the 21st Century, January 22, 2005
- Recent Developments: The California Environmental Quality Act, Fresno Bar Association, April 15, 2004 2006
- Conservation Easements: Who, What, Where, Why, When and How, State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section Annual Yosemite Conference, October 2003
- Land Use Law Update in California, National Business Institute, October 13, 2003
- Zoning and Land Use Law in California, Lorman Education Services, April 25, 2003
- The Anatomy of Conservation Easements, State Bar of California Annual Meeting, September 2003
- Environmental Liabilities of Trustees and Other Fiduciaries, Alameda County Bar Association (Oakland, 2003) and Continuing Education of the Bar (San Francisco, 2001 and 2000)

» **Publications**

- *CEQA Rules for Agency Actions Affecting Climate Change*, California Environmental Law Reporter, November 2008
- *Sprawl and "Paper Water": A Reality Check from the Courts*, Environmental Law News, Winter 2003

» **Honors & Awards**

- Northern California Super Lawyers, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

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