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Jennifer Chavez is a partner in the Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental Practice Group in the firm's San Diego office.

Areas of Practice

Jennifer's practice focuses on representing developers throughout the California and in that capacity she negotiates purchase and sale agreements and obtains entitlements for land development, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Subdivision Map Act, the Coastal Act and planning and zoning laws, as well as other general real estate transactional matters. She has represented developers, landowners and public agencies in a variety of projects, including, large and small-scale residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, and educational development projects throughout California. Her practice includes representing clients before city councils, county boards of supervisors, planning commissions and other regulatory bodies to secure land use entitlements, permits and approvals and also involves defending land use entitlements in litigation matters before trial and appellate courts. In addition, Jennifer has experience drafting and negotiating agreements with public agencies and private property owners concerning the use and development of real property including, development and improvement agreements, funding and reimbursement agreements, easement agreements and covenant agreements.

Honors

Women in Real Estate Award, *Connect CRE*, 2024

Woman of Influence in Law, *San Diego Business Journal*, 2023

Daily Transcript - 2007 Young Attorney Nominee

Articles

- Zoning Review (Commercial Real Estate)
Practical Law, 02.2019
- 2014 Legislative Update of California Real Estate Laws
01.17.2014
- They Shot, But Did We Score With 2013's CEQA Reform Bill? - New Law Offers Potential Benefits to Transit Oriented Infill Developments and Protections for the Sacramento Kings Basketball Arena
10.14.2013

- No 'Common Interest' Privilege in CEQA Cases: Communications Between Developer and Agency Lawyers Belong in the Administrative Record
07.15.2013
- New Law Extends Expiration Dates for Tentative Maps
07.17.2008
- Legislature Considering Bills to Help Developers Through Tough Times
03.12.2008
- Condominium Conversions: The New Year Presents New Challenges
01.08.2008
- San Diego City Attorney Advocates Development Moratorium in Response to Delta Smelt Ruling
09.24.2007
- Universal Design Checklists: It's Time to Distribute Them to Buyers
01.26.2006
- Draft Universal Design Checklist and Ordinance Available for Review and Comment
11.22.2004
- Universal Accessibility Features List Not Ready; Model Universal Design Ordinance Underway
07.01.2004
- Developers Must Provide Accessibility Features List
03.26.2004
- City of San Diego Adopts Inclusionary Housing Fee and Tenant Relocation Requirements for Condominium Conversions
02.12.2004
- Civil Writs (CEB 4th ed.), Chapter 6 - Requesting a Stay in a Superior Court Writ Proceeding

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Law Blog Posts

- "A Win for Consistency Evaluations Under CEQA Guidelines 15183: Court Rules that Public Controversy is not a Basis for Additional Environmental Review," March 13, 2024
- "Landlords Get Ready: San Diego Residential Tenant Protection Ordinance Will Exceed AB 1482 Requirements," May 4, 2023
- "California Judicial Council Adopts Rule Tolling Statute of Limitations," April 7, 2020

Media Mentions

Checking In

Practical Law – The Journal, 10.01.2025

Commercial Real Estate: Trends and Predictions (2023)

Practical Law Real Estate, Reuters, 03.01.2023

Practices

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental

Land Use Litigation

Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

Real Estate Development

CEQA Documentation and Defense

Public-Private Partnerships

Real Estate Portfolio Transactions

Industries

Education

Education

J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, 2002, *magna cum laude*

B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1998, *Provost Honors List*

Admissions

California