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Current Scope of Practice

Deborah L. Kartiganer, a special counsel with the firm's Land Use, Environmental Law, and Real Estate & Finance Groups, focuses her practice on development and entitlements work and land use law. Her areas of expertise include: the land use administrative approval process; development of retail, housing, and office projects; public/private partnerships; land use litigation; redevelopment law; compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Subdivision Map Act, and the Coastal Act; and property acquisition and sales. Ms. Kartiganer's clients include large corporations, retailers, startup companies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals.

Representative Experience

- Represented an eminent local botanical garden society in the development of a multimillion-dollar, LEED-certified nursery and center for sustainable gardening through a public/private partnership with a Bay Area city.
- Represented a large grocery store chain and a nationwide home improvement retailer in obtaining land use approvals for remodels, expansions and new stores in numerous cities.
- Represented a developer in the land use approval process for the redevelopment of a popular waterfront tourist neighborhood in the Bay Area.
- Represented the interests of business community members with respect to proposed new general plans and specific plans for various cities.
- Represented a well-known Bay Area cemetery with respect to diverse land use and transactional real estate matters, including eminent domain disputes and land acquisitions.
- Represented a major international data and networking company in obtaining land use approvals for a headquarters campus in the Bay Area.

- Represented several individuals before the California Coastal Commission in connection with proposed developments, “sea walls,” and subdivisions.

Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

Ms. Kartiganer is admitted to practice in California.

She is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Real Property - Probate and Trust Law, the Real Property Law Section for the California State Bar, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), and the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

Ms. Kartiganer has lectured on land use topics in various forums.

Education

Ms. Kartiganer earned her J.D. from New York University Law School (1997) where she served as a staff editor for the *NYU Environmental Law Journal*. She received her B.A. in Humanities from Yale University (1992).