

Darrin M. Menezes

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EXPERIENCE

Darrin is a member of Weintraub Tobin's Real Estate and Litigation practice groups.

He represents clients in all types of real estate and environmental matters, including negotiating contracts and litigation in all California and state and federal courts and representation in administrative hearings.

Within the Real Estate Section, Darrin has represented commercial and residential developers and landowners in matters ranging from easement and boundary disputes to governmental regulation, eminent domain, land use and zoning issues. Darrin also represents clients in a variety of litigation and pre-litigation disputes involving commercial and residential leases and land sale contracts. Darrin also represents homeowner's associations in matters regarding CC&R compliance and subdivision governance.

Darrin's environmental practice includes counseling owners and operators with respect to regulatory compliance and representing clients in negotiations and disputes with state and local enforcement agencies. Darrin represents owners and operators of sites regulated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, Regional Water Quality Control Boards and other state, regional or local agencies regarding all aspects of site compliance and remediation. Darrin's practice involves CERCLA, RCRA, and Hazardous Waste Control Act laws and regulations.

Darrin was selected for inclusion in the Northern California *Super Lawyers* listing as a *Rising Star* for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Prior to joining the Weintraub firm in 2005, Darrin worked for a large West Coast law firm where he managed all facets of complex civil litigation, with specific emphasis on competitive business disputes and environmental cases involving CERCLA, RCRA and Underground Storage Tank laws and

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Real Estate

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Courts of the State of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

EDUCATION

J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1999

Traynor Honor Society

B.A., University of California, Davis, 1995

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regulations. Darrin has extensive experience representing clients in responding to cease and desist orders, cleanup and abatement orders and waste discharge requirements.

Representative Matters:

- Counsel for lessee in a dispute involving the interpretation of a commercial lease, which resulted in a \$150,000 verdict for the client, including attorneys' fees, and a favorable lease interpretation.
- Buyer's counsel in binding arbitration of commercial real estate purchase agreement which resulted in judgment requiring seller to specifically perform contracted to pay buyer's attorneys' fees and costs.
- Counsel for lessee in a commercial lease dispute, which resulted in a verdict for the lessee exceeding \$300,000 and confirming lessee's 99-year lease over property.
- Successfully defended operator in an administrative action initiated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIW, MB), resulting in a cease and desist order.
- Counsel for owner in large multi-party CERCLA action resulting in finding of joint liability against local government and favorable settlement for owner.

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AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

State Bar of California, Business Law, Environmental Law, Litigation, and Real Property Law Sections

Member

Sacramento County Bar Association, Business Law, Environmental Law, and Real Property Law Sections

Member

Awards

Sacramento Magazine's Top Lawyers List, 2022 – Eminent Domain

Sacramento Magazine's Top Lawyers List, Arbitration 2015

Sacramento Magazine's Top Lawyers List, 2015-2016- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Sacramento Magazine's Top Lawyers List, 2018, 2020 – Construction

Northern California *Super Lawyers*, 2017-2020, 2022

Northern California *Super Lawyers Rising Star* 2009, 2010, 2011