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Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Real Estate

Darrin is a member of Weintraub Genshlea Chediak's Real Estate and Litigation groups where he represents clients in all types of real estate and environmental matters, including the negotiation of contracts as well as litigation in all California 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.

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

Education

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

B.A. University of California, Davis,
1995

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

all courts of the State of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District
of California

U.S. District Court, Central District
of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District
of California

Affiliations

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

Sacramento County Bar Associa-
tion, Business Law, Environmental
Law and Real Property Law Sections

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 contract and 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 (CIWMB) resulting in withdrawal of 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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