

## Eric J. Cohn

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### Overview

Eric Cohn is a land use attorney who focuses on processing development project entitlements from inception all the way through to litigation, as necessary.

Eric negotiates and obtains land use entitlements and other government approvals in Southern California and the state broadly—conducting land use-related due diligence review, engaging directly with governmental agencies, supervising the preparation of environmental documents, and advising clients on cutting-edge strategies to make use of constantly changing state laws related to development. Eric is well versed in substantive land use laws, including the Planning and Zoning Law, Subdivision Map Act, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)—and litigates compliance issues with land use laws as well as with local municipal codes, on behalf of developers, property owners, and public agencies.

Prior to joining the Firm, Eric received his joint J.D./M.B.A. degree from the UCLA School of Law and the UCLA Anderson School of Management. While at UCLA, Eric was the recipient of the contract drafting award in the UCLA Transactional Law Competition, and was a member of both the Real Estate Law Association and the Anderson Real Estate Association. Prior to attending law school, Eric received his B.A., with honors, in Economics from New York University (NYU), and worked at the International Securities Exchange, Capital Group, and Ernst & Young.

### Practice Areas

Land Use  
Land Use Disputes  
Litigation & Counseling  
Real Estate

### Real Estate Sectors

Mixed-Use  
Multifamily  
Office  
Residential, Mixed-Use  
Development & Homebuilding  
Retail

## Bar & Court Admissions

State Bar of California

## Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 2018

M.B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Management, 2018

B.A., New York University, 2010

## Experience

Represented a public agency with defending multiple California Environmental Quality Act challenges brought against a public works project.

Represented a property owner in challenging a municipal government that refused to allow the property owner's by-right use of the property.

Assisted a developer with obtaining multiple land use entitlements related to a large housing development in the City of Oakland.

Assisted a developer with redevelopment of an infill project site in the City of Los Angeles.

Advised a developer with the land use information needed to decide whether to proceed with acquisition and development of a former golf course property.

## Insights

### Publications

Governor Signs Long-Awaited Affordable Housing on Faith and Higher Education Lands Act of 2023  
Client Alert, 10.19.23

Legislation Update, Part III: Gov. Newsom's Modest CEQA Reforms and the Promise of the 2023–24 Legislative Session  
Client Alert, 8.17.23

Legislation Update, Part II: New Land Use Bills Under Consideration in the 2023 California Legislative Session  
Client Alert, 6.16.23

Legislation Update: New Land Use Bills Introduced in the 2023 California Legislative Session  
Client Alert, 5.24.23

Governor Signs Important New Housing Legislation Allowing Residential Development on Commercial Properties  
Client Alert, 10.3.22

The Legislature Gives the SB 35 Streamlined and Ministerial Approval Process a Boost  
Client Alert, 10.13.21

Governor Newsom Signs Newsworthy Housing Legislation Addressing State's Housing Supply Crisis  
Client Alert, 9.20.21

Santa Clara County Trial Court Upholds Two Housing Projects Using SB 35  
Article, *CEB*, 7.30.20

## Awards & Affiliations

### Honors & Recognitions

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