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Overview

A former in-house counsel at a large land developer, Matthew's experience enables him to understand the economic, legal, and practical challenges facing developers in California.

Transactional Advisor For Real Estate Investors

His practice involves acquisitions, sales, and development for institutional and private clients, including life insurance companies, homebuilders, developers, major domestic and foreign banks, and other financial institutions.

Matthew has substantial experience in structuring, negotiating, and documenting complex real estate joint ventures and financings having worked on many types of real estate assets, including residential, hotel, office, retail, industrial, multi-family, and mixed-use projects.

In 2011 and 2012, he represented several public pension plans investing more than \$1 billion in opportunistic funds focused on debt instruments, distressed real estate, core real estate, and other assets.

In-House Experience With Large Land Developer

Matthew's duties in his former in-house counsel role included managing a \$500-million land banking fund and overseeing the acquisition, entitlement, and development of various opportunity investments. He also worked very closely with the investors, analysts, architects, and engineers.

Practice Areas

Real Estate
Finance & Corporate
Joint Ventures, Fund Formations
& Project Syndication
Commercial Real Estate
Transactions
Corporate Entity Governance &
Structuring
Master-Planned Development
Mergers & Acquisitions

Industries

Banking & Financial Institutions
Institutional Investors
International Investments
Life Sciences
Pension Funds

Real Estate Sectors

Industrial
Land Banking
Mixed-Use
Multifamily

Bar & Court Admissions

State Bar of California

Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 1998, Order of the Coif

B.A., Northwestern University, 1993

Experience

Negotiated and structured a \$500 million joint venture between a public pension plan and an advisor to acquire single-family residences at foreclosure sales nationally.

Counsel to an insurance company in the formation, development, and sale of a \$50 million industrial project in Southern California.

Advised a pension plan in the disposition of several assets in the restructuring of a \$500 million fund.

Represented two public pension plans in restructuring a \$1 billion opportunistic fund.

Represented several public pension plans investing more than \$1 billion in opportunistic funds focused on debt instruments, distressed real estate, core real estate, and other real estate assets.

Represented a public pension plan in acquiring and financing a \$125 million multi-family asset in Northern California.

Represented a large fund in acquiring and financing more than \$250 million in multi-family acquisitions throughout Southern California.

Insights

News

Forty-Four Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP Lawyers Recognized as Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

Press Release, *Best Lawyers*, 8.17.23

Office

Residential, Mixed-Use
Development & Homebuilding

Retail

Higher BTR Rents Tend to Correlate With Greater Resident Satisfaction
Media Mention, *GlobeSt.com*, 3.29.23

Twenty Attorneys Named Southern California Super Lawyers
Press Release, *Super Lawyers*, 1.10.23

Forty-One Cox Castle Lawyers Named to 2023 Best Lawyers® List
Press Release, *Best Lawyers*, 8.18.22

Thirty-Four Attorneys Named 2022 California Super Lawyers
Press Release, *Super Lawyers*, 8.1.22

35 Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP Lawyers Named to 2022 Best Lawyers® list
Press Release, *Best Lawyers®*, 8.19.21

32 Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP Lawyers Named to 2021 Best Lawyers® list
Press Release, *Best Lawyers®*, 8.21.20

Twenty-Nine Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Have Been Selected for the 2020 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.
Press Release,

The Best Lawyers in America®, 8.16.19

Twenty-Nine Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Recognized As 2019 Southern California Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
Press Release, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 7.15.19

Thirty-five Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Recognized As 2018 Southern California Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
Press Release, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 7.10.18

Thirty Six Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Recognized As 2017 Southern California Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
Press Release, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 6.7.17

Thirty Five Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Recognized As 2016 Southern California Super Lawyers
Press Release, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 6.6.16

Thirty Cox, Castle & Nicholson Attorneys Recognized As 2015 Southern California Super Lawyers And Six Named As Rising Stars
Press Release, 1.23.15

Cox, Castle and Nicholson LLP Names Four New Partners for 2013
Press Release, *CCN Press Release*, 1.1.13

Investors Buy Garden Grove Complex for \$53 million
News, *Daily Journal*, 2.10.11

Speaking Engagements

12th Annual Marcus & Millichap / IPA Multifamily Forum: Southern California Conference, Hilton LAX, 6.8.23

Publications

New Federal Reporting Requirements for Entities
Client Alert, 7.13.23

Breaking Up Is Hard To Do
Article, *The Institutional Real Estate Letter – North America*, January 2012

Awards & Affiliations

Honors & Recognitions

Best Lawyers, Real Estate Law, 2020-2021

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2007-2019

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of California

Jewish Federation – Gellar Program

Los Angeles County Bar Association