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Jodi focuses her practice on environmental compliance under most California and federal laws and transactional matters, including cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated property, Prop 65 and product compliance laws, and management of environmental liabilities through environmental insurance and other tools.

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Alison finds solutions for business and industry clients to comply with federal, state and local environmental and energy laws, as well as defending against regulatory enforcement and evaluating and negotiating environmental risk in large M&A transactions. She is particularly active with the real estate and tax credit teams, conducting due diligence and providing in depth assistance with EH&S compliance, brownfields, permits, and more, including successful oversight of remedial actions across the state and country.

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John has wide experience in environmental, health and safety law, regulatory compliance, transactions, permitting and entitlements, administrative enforcement, cleanups, cost recoveries, agency oversight, and renewable energy projects. His practice includes the Clean Water Act, RCRA, CERCLA, green chemistry and sustainability, Proposition 65, and OSHA investigations, inspections, and enforcement. He is an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law and a former member of the Executive Committee of the California Bar's Environmental Law Section.



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Ladd represents clients in a range of matters involving environmental due diligence and impaired property transactions, brownfields property redevelopment, environmental insurance procurement, administrative agency proceedings, and impacted site remediation. He also represents and advises clients in connection with USTs, storm water, wetlands, land use, CEQA, and mining issues.

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Catherine co-founded Environmental General Counsel in 2017. EGC handles a broad range of compliance, and transactional matters, with an emphasis in cleanup and development of contaminated properties, Prop 65 matters, permitting and regulatory matters, and complex real estate transactions.

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Jim established The Arnold Law Practice in 1998. He represents private clients in lawsuits, agency hearings, transactions, due diligence, insurance, and regulatory compliance. Recent client matters include storm water compliance and lawsuits, toxics fraud in a real estate sale, CERCLA with DTSC and US Army, UST Fund/SCAP/EAR grant programs, Prop. 65, CLRRRA, CEQA, AQMD defense, title/roads/easements issues, Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, and resolving environmental cleanup liens.

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Dave focuses his practice on complex Superfund sites, water quality, site remediation, permitting and litigation under CEQA/NEPA, defense and prosecution of environmental and white collar crimes and civil actions, Prop 65 matters, and the federal and California Endangered Species Acts.



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Sarah's practice includes litigation and counseling in NRD assessments and litigation, enforcement and cost recovery actions, citizen suits, water quality matters, and complex toxic tort actions. She has represented clients in proceedings and negotiations with administrative boards, utility districts, and other municipal entities.

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Rich represents the USEPA in administrative and judicial litigation and regulatory compliance matters involving all aspects of federal environmental law. Rich also teaches environmental law as an adjunct professor at the Golden Gate School of Law. Rich is completing his third term as Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Pacifica. Prior to joining USEPA, Rich was in private practice for six years in Phoenix, Arizona where his practice focused on compliance with local, state, and federal land use and environmental regulatory requirements, as well as water rights.

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Dee Dee's practice focuses on environmental matters such as enforcement, cleanup of contaminated properties, stormwater and development projects. As a former co-counsel to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board she advised Board members and staff on legal issues related to all of the Board's regulatory, planning and enforcement programs. Dee Dee also served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the California Coastal Commission where she gained extensive experience with onshore and offshore energy projects as well as other complex development proposals.



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Karen's practice focuses on land use, water rights, water quality, and administrative law and public agencies. She is an attorney with the S.F. Bay Conservation and Development Commission, focusing on enforcement. Karen has extensive experience with CEQA and NEPA and the state and federal Endangered Species Acts, and she previously represented several water districts throughout the state.

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In Leah's 30 years of experience in environmental law, she has worked both in public and private practice representing Fortune 500 companies, individual landowners, and public agencies. Currently, Leah focuses on brownfields, hazardous waste, storm water, wastewater, clean air issues, climate change, and utilities for the seaport, airport and commercial real estate departments at the Port of Oakland.

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Arielle provides litigation and advisory services to private clients and public agencies with an emphasis on land use entitlements, affordable housing and State Density Bonus laws, environmental review under CEQA/NEPA, the public trust doctrine, the California Coastal Act, endangered species, and historic and cultural resources. In addition to representing clients in administrative proceedings, Arielle also represents clients in state trial and appellate courts in both writ of mandate actions and civil litigation matters.



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Sean represents public agencies and private businesses involved in complex environmental and land use matters, with a focus on regulatory compliance and related litigation involving surface and groundwater quality and use. His work often involves the Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, SGMA, CEQA, Endangered Species Act, RCRA, and CERCLA. Outside the office, Sean is an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law, where he helps teach administrative law and environmental law moot court.

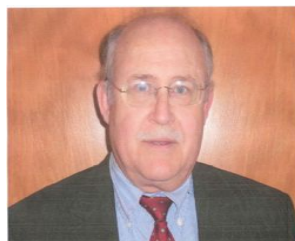
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Kamran helps businesses deal with environmental challenges. He defends clients in litigation involving contamination and counsels companies on compliance with environmental laws and regulations. He's helped obtain project permits and entitlements, and advised on environmental aspects of real estate transactions. In a prior career as an environmental consultant, he managed investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties.

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Karl practices entirely in the field of environmental law, including litigation/counseling on compliance, governmental regulation, permits, endangered species, hazardous waste site cleanups, cost recovery, real estate agreements involving contamination, mining issues, clean air issues, fuel issues, environmentally-related railroad safety & operations, hazardous materials transportation contracts, and environmental impact review (NEPA & CEQA).

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Anna works with clients on environmental, land use, and real estate law issues, specializing in land acquisition, redevelopment, and environmental cleanup and litigation. She handles a broad range of environmental matters from toxic torts to Superfund cleanup on the federal, state and appellate levels. She also manages development projects, focusing on due diligence, regulatory permitting, and insurance procurement and negotiation.

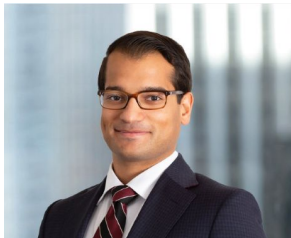
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Jon represents clients in all areas of environmental and land use law. He is also the Chair of the firm's Prevailing Wage Practice Group and is recognized as one of the foremost prevailing wage practitioners in the State. Jon serves on the Advisory Board of the Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association, and is a Councilmember of the Town of Tiburon.

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Justin's practice focuses on land use, administrative compliance, and environmental law for development projects in San Francisco, Oakland, and the greater Bay Area. His land use entitlement experience includes commercial, mixed-use, industrial, and residential projects as well as historic renovation and conversion projects. Justin has expertise with environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), zoning, property-specific due diligence, accessory dwelling units, and approval of formula retail projects.



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Adam represents private and public clients, and focuses his practice in environmental litigation, regulatory compliance, and the redevelopment of impacted properties. Notable topics of representation include, cost recovery actions, natural resource damage claims, toxic torts, CERCLA, RCRA and CEQA matters, vapor intrusion, large heritage site cleanup, municipal redevelopment, dry cleaner properties and cases involving storage tanks and pipelines.

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Josh is a Principal in Meyers Nave's statewide Land Use and Environmental Law Practice Groups. He has more than 25 years of experience in all areas of state and federal environmental and natural resources law, including complex environmental litigation, compliance counseling, brownfields redevelopment, criminal and civil defense matters, and environmental aspects of transactional matters, such as risk transfer issues and insurance negotiation and claims disputes. Josh also represents clients regarding consumer protections laws.

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Barry's practice focuses on land use, natural resources, water rights, renewable and conventional energy, and environmental law. Areas of expertise include: Surface and ground water rights, water supply, and water quality; Energy generation and transmission facility siting and development, transactions and regulation; Land use regulation and development entitlements; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Conservation easements and transactions for habitat and agricultural land mitigation.
