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PRACTICES

Litigation

Public Law

EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of
Pennsylvania Law School, 2014

B.A., cum laude, Economics,
University of California, Los
Angeles, 2011

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for
the Central District of California

United States District Court for
the Northern District of
California

Pronouns: he, him, his

Maxwell Blum is a partner in Burke's [Oakland](#) office. His practice involves representing [public](#) agencies in [litigation](#) matters as well as providing advice on compliance issues and assisting with related transactions. Maxwell has worked on litigation cases involving environmental contamination, inverse condemnation, breach of contract, code enforcement, relocation assistance, and other issues. He has also worked as a reviewer for CEB's Municipal Law Handbook.

Prior to joining Burke, Maxwell practiced for several years at an international law firm where he worked on complex commercial litigation and internal investigations.

PUBLICATIONS

Bill Summaries: Animal Protections

SB 288 – CEQA Exemption for Alternative Transportation Projects

Changes to Public Generally Exception and New Requirement for
Posting of Campaign Disclosure Documents Filed in Paper Format

Housing Roundup: New Housing Bills Signed by Governor Newsom

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representative Matters at Burke:

- *Stancil v. Superior Court (Redwood City)*, (2021) 11 Cal.5th 381 — Prepared successful brief submitted to California Supreme Court arguing that motions to quash service of summons and complaint may not challenge merits of unlawful detainer complaints.
- *Friends of Riverside Airport v. City of Riverside*: In ongoing federal court action concerning CERCLA and breach of contract issues, take deposition, prepare briefs, assist with expert report preparation, propound and respond to written discovery.
- *HC 650 LLC v. Starcity Properties*: In ongoing state court action concerning dispute over commercial lease agreement, take

deposition, prepare briefs and propound and respond to written discovery.

- California Public Records Act: Advise public clients on compliance with obligations under PRA.
- Relocation Assistance Act: Advise housing authority on compliance with relocation assistance law during substantial renovations to mobile home park, assist on transactions involved in renovations such as preparing purchase and sale agreements and escrow instructions.
- Subpoenas: Advise clients on compliance with subpoenas in civil and criminal matters; appear in court to quash improper subpoenas.
- Other Matters: Appear in court to obtain gun violence restraining orders, to argue motions, and address case management issues; take and defend numerous depositions, assist with preparing pre-trial disclosures and motions, prepare client advise memos, negotiate access agreements, settlement agreements, and stipulations, assist with code enforcement matters.