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PRACTICES

Eminent Domain and Inverse
Condemnation

Environmental Land Use and
Natural Resources

Litigation

Public Law

Real Estate and Business Law

EDUCATION

J.D., University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law, 1996

B.A., Political Science,
University of California, San
Diego, 1990

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for
the Central District of California

United States District Court for
the Southern District of
California

AFFILIATIONS

International Right of Way
Association

Los Angeles County Bar
Association

State Bar of California Real

A recognized figure in his field of eminent domain, Alan Sozio has played a lead role in numerous multi-parcel property acquisition projects throughout California. In addition to providing eminent domain legal services to more than 17 public agencies, Alan has since 2001 served as special acquisition counsel for the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority in property acquisitions spanning more than 11 grade separation projects in the San Gabriel Valley. He is the co-author of the seminal practice guide used by public agency practitioners entitled “Eminent Domain: A Step-by-Step Guide to the Acquisition of Real Property,” and is the author of the popular eminent domain blog, “Right to Take | Doing it the Right (of) Way—Recommended Steps for the Acquisition of Real Property by Eminent Domain.” He is active in the eminent domain legal community where he is a frequent speaker and author on topics related to condemnation.

Alan counsels public clients on early considerations and pre-acquisition activities necessary to the condemnation process. He litigates eminent domain and inverse condemnation actions and, when necessary, takes the matters through trial. Alan also drafts transactional documents, including purchase and sale agreements, right-of-entry agreements and leases, and provides advice regarding state and federal relocation assistance. He has appeared in both open and closed session with city councils, agency boards and other legislative bodies to speak on matters related to the acquisition of property and the condemnation process.

In addition to eminent domain actions, Alan litigates matters involving physical and regulatory takings, contractual and boundary disputes, unlawful detainer matters, land use and real estate issues.

In 2005, Alan successfully completed the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Trial Advocacy Program. Thereafter, on a pro bono basis, Alan prosecuted to verdict criminal cases, and obtained favorable bench rulings in evidentiary trials, for the cities of Anaheim and Inglewood.

Property Section, Inverse
Condemnation/Eminent Domain
Subsection (South)

Alan is a Brown Belt in the Israeli self-defense system of Krav Maga, and is a former “AA” rated competitive beach volleyball player. When not at the office, he enjoys surfing, skiing, and relaxing with his family on the beach.

RESULTS

Jury Trial Victory in JPA Condemnation Case