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Pronouns: he, him, his

Maxwell Blum is a partner in Burke's [Oakland](#) office. Maxwell's practice is multifaceted.

In his transactional practice, Maxwell prepares agreements for complex public works projects, lease agreements, license agreements, land exchange agreements, loan agreements, professional services agreements, and advises clients concerning related negotiations.

In his advisory practice, Maxwell advises public agencies on a number of topics, including, for example, prevailing wage, Surplus Lands Act, and Public Records Act compliance issues. He serves as assistant general counsel to a special district in Northern California, attends their board meetings, and regularly assists several city attorneys at Burke by advising their clients.

Maxwell also maintains an active litigation practice. He has worked on litigation cases involving environmental contamination, inverse condemnation, breach of contract, code enforcement, relocation assistance, public nuisance, and other issues.

While Maxwell's clients are primarily public agencies, he also represents some private individuals and entities.

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:

PRACTICES

Construction Law

Environmental Land Use and
Natural Resources

Inverse Condemnation

Litigation

Public Law

Real Estate and Business 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

- Procurement: Advised Town on bidding and contract issues relating to construction of new Aquatics Center. Advised City on construction manual for new civic center. Advised special district on negotiations of a contract to implement a new water metering system throughout the district, including acquisition of large quantities of meters, and construction of related infrastructure. Advise on contracts and requests for proposals issued by purchasing division of sanitary district.
- 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 and Public Records Act: Advise on responses to subpoenas and Public Records Act responses.
- 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 federal court action concerning CERCLA and breach of contract issues, prepared successful summary judgment motion, assisted with expert report preparation, took depositions, propounded, and responded to written discovery.
- Other Litigation Matters: Appear in court to argue motions; take and defend depositions, assist with preparing pre-trial disclosures, prepare client advise memos, negotiate settlement agreements, and stipulations, assist with code enforcement matters.