

MATT D. OBER

PARTNER

MATT D. OBER is a partner of Richardson|Ober|DeNichilo where his practice is dedicated to the exclusive representation of community associations throughout California. Matt has served as counsel to community associations for over two decades and has made significant contributions to the community association industry through both the Community Associations Institute (CAI) and the California Association of Community Managers (CACM). Matt is a member of CAI's National Faculty and a CACM faculty member. He is a Fellow of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) and is the President-elect of the CCAL Board of Governors. Matt is also a delegate to CAI's California Legislative Action Committee (CLAC) and serves as Legislative Co-Chair of CLAC's Executive Committee. He also serves on CAI National's Government and Public Affairs Committee. At its recent 2018 national conference, Matt received the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award from CAI for his 25 years of service to the community association industry. In June, Matt was awarded the 2018 Manuscript Award from the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) along with colleague, Amy Tinette, Esq. Their presentation, "Bucking the Trends: Impact of Legislative Trends on Community Association Governance" was selected from more than 50 other entries.

Matt is a co-author of CAI's California Law Course for Community Association Managers and CAI's Board Education Course as well as CAI National's L-100 course "Essentials of Community Association Law." In addition, Matt has earned the Martindale-Hubbell® AV Peer Review Rating™ signifying the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

Leadership

- President of College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL)
- Contributing author of CAI's California Law Course for CID Managers
- Currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter
- Past two-term President of CAI's Greater Inland Empire Chapter
- Secretary of the CAI Executive Committee
- Long-time delegate to CAI's California Legislative Action Committee
- Member of CAI's National Faculty
- Member of CACM Faculty



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Common Interest Developments
- Condominium Law
- Construction Contracts
- General Counsel
- Litigation

EDUCATION

- Southwestern University School of Law, J.D.
- University of California at Los Angeles, B.A., Economics With Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 1985
- The U.S. District Court for the District of California
- The U.S. Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals

COMMUNITY

- Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center, President, 2011-2013
- City of Whittier Parks and Recreation Department, Commissioner, 2002-2010
- Whittier Cultural Arts Foundation, Vice President and Philanthropy Chair, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- California Association of Community Managers (CACM)
- California Association of Community Managers, Faculty Member
- California Bar Association
- California Legislative Action Committee, Delegate, 2017
- Community Associations Institute (CAI)
- Community Associations Institute, National Faculty Member
- CAI College of Community Association Lawyers, Fellow
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Los Angeles Municipal Court, Judge Pro Tem, 1992
- Pasadena Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

- CAI-National, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, 2018
- CAI-GRIE, Article of the Year, 2018
- College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) Manuscript of the Year Award, 2018
- CAI-GLAC, Excellence in Education, 2018
- CAI-CI, Outstanding Speaker/Educational Program, 2018
- CAI-GLAC, Outstanding Speaker/Educational Program, 2018
- CAI-GLAC Keystone Award 2016
- CAI-National, Rising Star Award, 2016
- CAI-GRIE, Hall of Fame Inductee, 2003
- CAI-GRIE, Outstanding Service Award, 2002
- AV® Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating
- CAI, Chapter's Presidents Award

Select Courses, Authored and Taught

- Contributing Author: M-204- CAI National Professional Management Development Program (Community Governance) and L-100 course (Essentials of Community Association Law)
- California Case Law Legal Update
- California Common Interest Development Law Course for Community Association Managers
- CAI Basics of Community Association Management
- Basic Board Education Course
- Basics of Community Leadership Training
- CACM Managers Law Seminar
- Ethics for Community Association Managers California Law
- Professional Management Designation Program - Manager and the Law and Community Governance
- Aging In Place – Evaluating the Needs of the Aging and Disabled in Community Associations
- Working With Challenging Personalities in Community Associations

Select Seminars

- "Bucking the Trends: The Impact of Legislative Trends on Community Association Governance"
- "Drones in Community Associations"
- "Social Media in Communities"
- "I Can't Believe You Said That!"
- "Managing the Chaos - Reversing the Negative Perceptions of HOAs"
- "Mixed Use Is All Mixed Up!"
- "Water, Water, Everywhere, Nor Any Drop To Drink"
- "Construction Defect Claims with Condominium Conversions"
- "Watch What You Say! It Could Cost You"
- "Dial M for Mold: Overview of Mold Claim Procedures for Community Association Managers and Boards, and Preventative Measures to Avoid Claims"
- "Annual Community Association Legal Update"
- "Housing Discrimination and Religious and Cultural Practices"
- "Effectively Resolving Neighbor-to-Neighbor Disputes"
- "Fiduciary Duties of Boards and Management"
- "Community Association Security"
- "Handling Tenant Relations Effectively"
- "CC&Rs AIA and Rule Enforcement"
- "Establishing and Operating Common Interest Developments"

Select Publications

- "Divide and Conquer" by Pamela Babcock, Common Ground: CAI's Magazine for Community Association Leaders, May/June 2018
- "Change is Coming: Preparing for Amended Civil Code §4775" - California Association of Community Managers, Inc. (CACM) Law Journal
- "The Legislative Year That Was" – Focus Magazine – CAI-Greater Los Angeles Chapter
- "Association Contracts: Ensuring Completion of Your Construction Project on Time and Within Budget" – California Association of Community Managers, Inc. (CACM) Law Journal

