



## Cole A. Benbow

### Associate

Cole focuses his practice on litigation and dispute resolution. He has experience in both state and federal courts, including preparation of pleadings, written discovery, mediation, settlement negotiations, and trial preparation. He also has experience helping clients avoid possible legal conflicts and business issues. Cole also has experience litigating environmental disputes, as well as general commercial and business disputes. His wide-ranging practice has involved cases dealing with catastrophic injuries, children's products, chemicals, consumer goods, and asbestos and other toxic substances.

Cole is also dedicated to providing pro bono legal services to the Bay Area Community, including representation in domestic violence and unlawful detainer actions.

#### Representative Work

Represented global manufacturing company in 7-week arbitration to allocate investigation and remediation costs at industrial property regulated under RCRA and CERCLA

Represented federal contractor conducting Superfund site remediation in SF Bay Area

Represented engineers/design professionals in construction disputes

#### Publications

"Parallel Proceedings in the Aftermath of Industrial Accidents," co-author, *Chemical Engineering* (August 2020)

"INSIGHT: Fluoridation Case Challenges EPA Chemical Evaluation," co-author, *Bloomberg Law* (August 2020)

"Recent Trends in EPA-Manufacturing Enforcement Actions," co-author, *Industry Today* (June 2020)

"Companies Can Bank On Continued U.S. EPA Enforcement Against Unregistered Pesticide Products," co-author, *Environmental Law Alert* (May 2020)

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#### Practices/Industries

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Litigation & Dispute Resolution  
Environmental Law

"Project Approved Pursuant to SB 35 Streamlining Procedures Survives Court Challenge," co-author, Land Use Law Alert (May 2020)

"California Superior Court's Application of SB 35 to Los Altos Development Project Provides Encouragement to Housing Proponents," co-author, Land Use Law Alert (April 2020)

"EPA Makes Good on Promise to Crack Down on Sham COVID-19 Cleaners and Disinfectants," co-author, Environmental Law Alert (April 2020)

"New EPA Guidance for Site Field Work Decisions Impacted by COVID-19," co-author, Environmental Law Alert (April 2020)

"EPA Promises Crackdown on Sham COVID-19 Cleaners and Disinfectants," co-author, Environmental Law Alert (April 2020)

"California DTSC's Efforts to Address the Segregation of Pollution" co-author, Environmental Law Institute (July 2019)

### **Professional Affiliations**

California State Bar Association

California Young Lawyers Association

Bar Association of San Francisco

San Francisco Barristers Club Litigation Section

### **Judicial Clerkships**

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Mary B. Barglind and the Honorable Richard Cejello, 41st Circuit Court Michigan (2014)

### **Academic Distinctions**

CALI Award for the Highest Grade in the Class: Evidence, Bankruptcy, ERISA (Employee Benefits)

*USF Law Review*, Forum Editor, (Volume 50), Junior Staff (Volume 49)

### **Education**

J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law (2016)

B.A., Michigan State University (2008)

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**Admissions and Courts**

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California