

Niran S. Somasundaram

Associate

Niran focuses his practice on land use and environmental matters. He frequently advises landowners, developers and public agency clients in land use matters and has experience conducting land use due diligence, preparing and processing entitlement applications, representing clients in administrative proceedings, and ensuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other land use and environmental legislation.

Niran also advises and counsels clients on environmental regulatory and statutory compliance. He has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts, including preparation of pleadings, motion practice, written discovery, experts, and trial preparation.

Publications

"Supreme Court of California Weighs In on Blanket Categorization of Well Construction Permit Approvals as Ministerial," *Land Use Law Alert* (September 2020)

"Opening the Golden Door: The Fourth District Shines a Light on CEQA Compliant Greenhouse Gas Mitigation," co-author, *Land Use Law Alert* (June 2020)

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

"New Bay Area Shelter-in-Place Orders Allow for the Resumption of Environmental Site Remediation and Agricultural Operations," co-author, *Environmental Law Alert* (April 2020)

"U.S. EPA's Temporary Enforcement Policy Provides Needed Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic," co-author, *Environmental Law Alert* (March 2020)

Academic Distinctions

Ecology Law Quarterly, Programs Director, Managing Editor

Environmental Conservation Outreach, SLPS Leader

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Practices/Industries

Land Use

Environmental Law

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (2016)

B.A., cum laude, University of California, Los Angeles (2013)

Admissions and Courts

California