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Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Law

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Cole is a Senior Associate in the Real Estate & Environment Section, serving the firm's clients in an array of matters, with a focus on real estate and commercial disputes, as well as toxic tort/product liability claims. He has experience in all phases of litigation and alternative dispute resolution, from pre-litigation strategy through trial. Cole is a skilled negotiator and courtroom advocate, focusing on achieving favorable resolutions through strategic litigation.

Outside of his practice, Cole is dedicated to providing pro bono services, and has performed work on behalf of domestic violence survivors, wildfire victims during the insurance claim process, low-income tenants facing eviction, and minors during immigration/asylum/guardianship proceedings. Cole also serves on the Board of Directors for the Marin County Bar Association.

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)

"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)

Honors & Awards

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2019–2025)

Professional Affiliations

Marin County Bar Association, Board Member

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Mary B. Barglind and the Honorable Richard Celello, 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)

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