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Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Law

Cole A. Benbow

Senior Associate

Cole focuses his practice on environmental, real estate, and commercial disputes in both state and federal courts. Cole's litigation experience includes working with expert and percipient witnesses, drafting complaints and counterclaims, dispositive motions and written discovery, negotiating and resolving discovery disputes, supporting large-scale e-Discovery document reviews and productions, taking and defending depositions, and trial experience.

Cole is also committed to providing pro bono legal services, including representation in domestic violence and asylum proceedings.

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)



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“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

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