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Areas of Focus

- Real Estate
- Environmental Law



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Jenny is a member of the Hanson Bridgett's Land Use Practice group and has a passion for helping clients navigate the complex legal landscape of land use and zoning law. Jenny has a background in real estate litigation, which bolsters her ability as a land use associate by providing a foundation of strong research skills and effective legal writing. Her work primarily focuses on land use entitlement, permit approvals, and compliance with local and state land use laws. She has represented a wide range of clients ranging from residential developers, to life science campuses, to billboard developers and local agencies, and spanning across California from Palos Verdes, Fountain Valley to San Jose, Oakland, and San Francisco.

Jenny is skilled in conducting entitlement research and navigating the complex systems of local agencies, as well as providing strategic advice to clients seeking to achieve their land use goals. At the core of Jenny's practice is a commitment to delivering quality legal research and constantly expanding her knowledge and skills to better serve our clients.

Publications

"New Legislation Threatens to Roll Back CEQA Exemptions for Advanced Manufacturing," author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (December 2025)

"Data Privacy Week: Navigating Data Privacy in the Age of AI," co-author, *Infosecurity Magazine* (January 2024)

“California Court Decision Creates Uncertainty as to the Ownership of Aggregate Resources on Land Subject to General Mineral Reservations,” co-author, *Environmental Law Legal Alert* (January 2024)

“Ethical Considerations in the Use of AI,” co-author, *Reuters Legal News* (October 2023)

“Economic Feasibility and Policy Considerations for Carbon Sequestration Projects: Implications for Stakeholders,” co-author, *Land Use Insights & Analysis* (June 2023)

“Governor Newsom Unveils Legislative Package Aimed At Accelerating the Development of a Sustainable Future,” *Land Use and Environmental Law Legal Alert* (May 2023)

“Appellate Court Invalidates UC Berkeley’s EIR for its Long Range Development Plan and People’s Park Student Housing Project,” co-author, *Land Use Legal Alert* (April 2023)

“What Redefining “Waters of the United States” under Clean Water Act, Again, Means for California,” *Environment and Water Law Legal Alert* (January 2023)

“*Knick v. Township of Scott*: The End of a Legal Catch-22 and What This Means for Future Fifth Amendment Takings Cases,” co-author, *UC Davis Environmental Law Journal* (January 2023)

Honors & Awards

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2023)

Academic Distinctions

Law Review (Editor)

Journal of International Law and Policy (Editor)

Education

J.D., University of California, Davis School of Law (2021)

B.A., St. Olaf College (2017)

Admissions and Courts

California