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Areas of Focus

- Environmental Law
- Land Use
- Real Estate
- Water Law

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Thomas M. Han is an associate in the Real Estate & Environment section. His practice focuses primarily on environmental litigation, with particular emphasis on complex water law matters arising under both California and federal law. His litigation experience includes preparing pleadings, managing discovery, and briefing motions.

Thomas also has experience in land use matters. He has conducted land use due diligence for landowners, developers, and public agency clients, including preparing and processing entitlement applications, ensuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Subdivision Map Act, the Housing Accountability Act, and other land use and environmental requirements.

Publications

“Ninth Circuit Reaffirms Traditional Balancing Under Fish & Game Code Section 5937” co-author, Water Law Legal Alert (December 2025)

“While Vacating Drinking Water Standards for Some PFAS, the EPA Retains Other Biden-Era PFAS Regulations” co-author, Water Law Legal Alert (September 2025)

“Clearing the Fog Around California’s “Builder’s Remedy” and Housing Element Certification” co-author, Land Use Legal Alert (January 2025)

Presentations

"Staying within Legal Ethics Bounds," NBI's Boundary Law and Land Use Legal Toolkit (December 2024)

Academic Distinctions

Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice, Editor-in-Chief

Mediation Clinic, Certified Mediator

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Vice President

Korean American Bar Association of Southern California, Student Rep

Education

J.D., University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2024)

B.A., Harvard University (2019)

Admissions and Courts

California