

PRACTICE AREAS

- Land Use
- Real Estate
- Litigation
- Affordable Housing
- Natural Resources

EDUCATION

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law (J.D., Cum Laude, 1987)
- Harvard University (A.B., Cum Laude, 1974)

Charles R. Olson is a Partner in Lubin Olson's Land Use and Real Estate Practice Groups, and he currently serves as the Firm's Managing Partner. He specializes in land use and land use litigation, and real estate transactions, including affordable housing.

In his land use practice, Mr. Olson represents developers, institutions and other property owners in obtaining entitlements and permits for use of their property. He has represented clients with complex development projects in San Francisco, throughout the Bay Area and Northern California, including entitling multiple corporate campuses, large residential subdivisions, and complex mixed-use projects. Mr. Olson has extensive experience advising clients concerning the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), general plans, the Subdivision Map Act, and local planning codes and zoning ordinances. He has successfully represented clients throughout California in dozens of land use and CEQA cases at both the Superior Court and Court of Appeal levels.

In real estate, Mr. Olson represents property owners, developers and investors in all aspects of real estate, including acquisitions and sales, leasing, financing and construction, and architect and contractor agreements. He has extensive experience in affordable housing transactions and has represented clients in the acquisition, financing and development of thousands of affordable housing units using tax-exempt bond and low-income housing tax credit financing, as well as financing insured by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Olson has been honored by Thompson Reuters as a Northern California Super Lawyer from 2008-2012, and 2016-2018.



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