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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Andrea O'Toole is a principal with the firm's corporate and business law department. Ms. O'Toole advises community associations in all aspects of their operations and transactions including real property issues and statutory compliance with *Davis-Stirling* and other statutes applicable to common interest developments. Her work includes advising association clients on financial matters including assessment collection and funding of repair and reconstruction projects of all sizes; governing document interpretation, enforcement and amendment, including operating policies; contract negotiation, drafting, and enforcement; corporate compliance; dispute resolution; title and land use issues; director elections and recalls; and helping boards deal with fair housing issues, parking and towing matters, and implementation of new regulations such as "no smoking" laws.

Ms. O'Toole lectures on matters relating to California community associations and has authored articles on various issues concerning common interest developments and property owners. She is a regular contributor to the firm's newsletter, the *Community Association ALERT*. She is on the faculty for California Association of Community Managers as well as on their Legal Advisory Steering Committee.

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Prior to joining Berding|Weil, Ms. O'Toole practiced in Lafayette and San Francisco, where she represented property owners, business owners, and individuals at federal, state, and local levels in matters involving toxics cleanups, civil penalty proceedings, and water, groundwater, and air pollution as well as counseling clients on the environmental aspects of real estate transactions.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Ms. O'Toole received her Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was the recipient of American Jurisprudence Awards for Legal Research and Writing and Legal Ethics. While in law school, she studied at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the California State University at Hayward, where she majored in Criminal Justice and completed a minor in Political Science.

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## BAR AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California and its Real Property Law Section

Contra Costa County Bar Association and its Real Estate Section

Executive Council of Homeowners (ECHO)

California Association of Community Managers (CACM)

Community Associations Institute (CAI) (Bay Area and Central California Chapter)