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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Mr. Petchul is a Partner in Berding | Weil and serves as General and Litigation counsel to California community associations. His General Counsel work encompasses a full breadth of issues including preparation of opinion letters, disciplinary proceedings, governing document amendment, contract review, preparation and negotiation, election proceedings and strategic legal planning. His litigation work has ranged from governing document enforcement to strategizing appeals that have resulted in legal precedent benefiting community associations throughout the state.

LEGAL HISTORY

Mr. Petchul has lived and practiced real estate and corporate law in southern California since 1991. For 15 years prior to joining Berding | Weil, Mr. Petchul, as a founding partner of the law firm of Hickey & Petchul, LLP, practiced almost exclusively within the community association industry, and in so doing, served as General and Litigation counsel to an extensive array of community associations and building owners.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Mr. Petchul received his *Juris Doctor* degree from Western State University School of Law in 1991 and has been a California Real Estate Broker since 1987.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITY

Mr. Petchul is a frequent speaker, author and educator on issues affecting California community associations, and through industry organizations, and otherwise, participates in the California legislative process with respect to matters that potentially impact California community associations.

He is a member of, and a qualified instructor for the California Association of Community Managers (CACM), a qualified mediator and a member of the Orange County and California State Bar Association Real Estate Sections. His experience includes his past service as a law clerk for the Court of Appeal of the State of California, an adjunct professor of law, a long term member of the CACM Legal Advisory Steering Committee, a member of the Common Interest Development Committee of the State Bar Real Estate Section, a Director of the Orange County Escrow Association, an advisory member of the Chapman University School of Law Environmental Land Use and Real Estate Law Program.