BRANDEN E. BICKEL

PARTNER | BERDING & WEIL LLP
bbickel@berdingweil.com

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Branden E. Bickel specializes in community association law and has provided a wide range of legal services to owners' associations throughout Northern California. He is "AV" rated by the national publication Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

LEGAL HISTORY

Mr. Bickel has qualified as an expert witness on condominium law in both California Superior Court and United States Federal District Court. He served as an arbitrator/mediator for the United States Federal District Court for over 10 years. He acted as a private mediator to assist in the resolution of condominium disputes in more than a dozen cases and has been retained as an expert consultant/witness in approximately 15 cases. He has personally supervised settlements totaling an estimated $80,000,000 in construction defect claims on behalf of owners' associations.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Bickel published "The Condominium Bluebook," an annual publication which compiles essential information about the management and operation of owners' associations. It has been continuously in print for over 25 years. He also served as an editorial consultant for Sproul & Rosenberry, "Advising California Common Interest Communities," published by Continuing Education of the Bar and currently in print.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Mr. Bickel has been affiliated with all of the major trade organizations involved with common interest developments, including Executive Counsel of Homeowners (ECHO), Community Associations Institute (CAI), and California Association of Community Managers (CACM). He is a former president of the San Francisco Chapter of CAI and is a founding member of CACM. He has taught college level seminars on common interest developments and has spoken at numerous trade seminars.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

J.D. 1971, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall)
B.A, 1968, University of California, Davis.
Mr. Bickel retired as a Captain in U.S. Army Intelligence.

BERDING | WEIL