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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Howard Silldorf has been representing clients throughout Southern California since 1982. Recovering more than \$200 million for his clients in over 100 cases throughout his successful career. His practice includes Construction Defect Litigation, Community Association Law, Environmental and Land Use, as well as Real Property and Title Insurance Litigation.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

As a San Diego lawyer, Howard represented the homeowners association in the seminal case of *Ranchwood Communities v. Jim Beat Construction*, which established the law regarding unlicensed contractors and their ability to seek contribution and indemnity claims.

Howard assisted in drafting Civil Code § 6000, the Calderon Act, and has been an active member of the Consumer Attorneys of California's legislative council. He is an active member of CAI and CACM, and has been a member of the Legal Advisory Committee of the California Association of Community Managers, and was editor of its law journal in 2011– 2012. Howard has taught courses on condominium ownership, construction deficiency, and employment law for CACM, CAI, the University of California at San Diego extension, Consumer Attorneys of California, and various bar associations.

Howard has earned the Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent, denoting an adherence to professional standards of conduct and ethics, reliability, diligence and other criteria relevant to the discharge of professional responsibilities. An AV Preeminent certification mark is a significant rating accomplishment and a testament to the highest level of professional excellence.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

J.D., California Western School of Law; Master of City Planning, San Diego State University
B.A. in History, University of California, San Diego.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

All Courts in the State of California; United States District Court for the Central and Southern Districts of California; United States Court of Appeals 9th Circuit; Supreme Court of the United States.