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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Jeff Paape is a Senior Attorney at Berding & Weil and has decades (over 30) years of extensive litigation and trial experience. He has participated in over 40 trials. Of note is his significant role in a March 1993 court trial in which the judge awarded the Plaintiff \$6,843,501 and in an October 1995 trial where the Plaintiff was awarded \$5,334,853. In January and February 2000, he successfully tried a construction defect case against the developer of Falcon Crest Ranch Development wherein the jury awarded the Plaintiffs \$774,652, which did not include several hundred thousand dollars in pre-trial settlements. He negotiated the settlement of a one home construction defect case in the amount of \$875,331.94. More recently, Jeff was part of a team which ultimately settled a downtown San Diego high rise condominium case for in excess of \$43,000,000. Jeff's practice focuses on construction defect litigation, real estate matters, homeowner's association law, general civil litigation, business torts and related areas. He has tried numerous CC&R's violations cases as well as restraining order and work place violence cases. Jeff has worked on construction defect cases throughout the entire State of California. He has worked with hundreds of homeowner's associations giving them guidance how to effectively resolve a variety of problems and issues within their communities.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Jeff has been a speaker at the Lorman Education Services, "Creative Strategies for Handling Construction Defect Claims in California" and selected by Judge David Flinn (Retired) of the Contra Costa Superior Court as one of the leading construction defect litigators in the State of California to attend a construction defect litigation forum in his courtroom to provide opinions as to how to improve the litigation and trials of construction defect cases. Jeff has been a guest of "The Home Show", a radio show, several times in San Diego County discussing the topic of construction defect litigation. Jeff has also been interviewed and quoted in the Sacramento Business Journal and other newspapers in California regarding construction defect litigation in California.

## PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Jeff graduated from Western Sierra Law School in 1985 and received the West Publishing Company's Hornbook Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement and was a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. He previously earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio/Television/Film Production from California State University, Long Beach in 1981. Jeff has worked on the Grammy Awards, People's Choice Awards, The Glen Campbell Music Specials and the CBS television affiliate, KFMB, in San Diego County. For over ten years, Jeff volunteered as a counselor for a high school youth group.