



# Richard H. Close

## Member

## Santa Monica

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Richard's practice focuses on all aspects of land use entitlements, administrative and regulatory law, project development and financing, manufactured housing communities, and governmental relations and advocacy. Richard is a leader in the legal, political, and business communities, recognized in each area for creating opportunity and exercising astute judgment, as well as his shrewd negotiating skills. His unique multi-faceted career envelops his insight for the benefit of his clients.

He has been named to the list of the "Top 40 Real Estate Lawyers to Know" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, is consistently named to the list of Southern California Super Lawyers, AV Preeminent®, Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® and The Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use and Zoning Law. *The Jewish Journal* has called Richard "one of the most powerful people in Los Angeles who most people don't know." Richard has also been recognized by the California Mobilehome Parkowners Alliance (CMPA) with the "Advocacy Fighter Award" for his outstanding service to the industry in representing community owner's property rights throughout the state.

Richard received his bachelor's degree from The Wharton School, The University of Pennsylvania. He received his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law and was editor of the *Boston University Law Review*.

### Practice Areas

- Manufactured Housing
- Zoning, Land Use & Development
- Government & Regulatory

### Industry Sectors

- Real Estate & Construction
- Cannabis

### Education

- Boston University School of Law, J.D.
- University of Pennsylvania The Wharton School, B.S.

### Bar Admissions

- California
- Massachusetts

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court

### Affiliations

Chairman and Member, Oversight Board, Los Angeles City Redevelopment Agency, 2012 - 2018

County Commissioner, Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), 1996 - Present

Founder and Member, Board of Directors, California United Bank, 1982 - 1996

California Real Estate Broker, 1978 - Present

Member, Transitional Committee for Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, June - July 2015

### Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America© 2016-2020, Land Use and Zoning Law
- Super Lawyer in Real Estate Law, Southern California Super Lawyers; selected by Law & Politics Media, Inc.; 2010-2020
- California Mobilehome Parkowners Alliance 2014, "Advocacy Fighter Award"
- "Who's Who in Law: Angelenos to Know in Real Estate Law", Los Angeles Business Journal 2013
- AV Preeminent Rated, Martindale-Hubbell

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