



**Douglas L. White**  
Managing Partner

As a founding and managing partner of White Brenner LLP, Doug White has set himself apart as a widely respected thought leader and legal practitioner. Doug's "clients first" approach is focused in the areas of real estate, land use, municipal law and litigation. His diverse groups of clients range from cities, counties, special districts, and other public agencies to developers, builders, lenders, professional associations, unions and business owners. Doug has vast experience in land use entitlements and project approvals, CEQA and NEPA, real estate contracts and commercial transactions, leasing, building and project certifications, project financing, eminent domain, public contracting and regulatory and governmental affairs.

Doug currently serves as the City Attorney for the cities of Angels Camp, Dixon, and Sonora, as well as Deputy City Attorney for the cities of Ceres, Oakdale, Patterson, and Riverbank and is also special counsel for a number of other cities. In addition to his work with cities, he also serves as General Counsel for San Miguel Community Services District and Knightsen Town Community

Services District. As such, he advises public entities and officials on issues pertaining to the Brown Act, Political Reform Act, Public Records Act, public contracting, code enforcement, and other municipal and public law matters. In addition to his municipal work, Doug has also successfully represented public and private clients in high-profile litigation matters and has obtained favorable judgments and settlements.

Prior to forming White Brenner, Doug served as legal counsel and Vice President of Government Affairs for the California Bankers Association as well as legal staff for the Fair Political Practices Commission. Doug also benefits from his extensive political experience as Chief of Staff, Legislative Director and consultant to various elected officials, including former Congressman Dennis Cardoza and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell.

Doug has been recognized as one of the leading attorneys in the United States on issues related to renewable energy and sustainability and been named by



the California Real Estate Journal as one of California's Green Leaders. He has also been named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine and been featured as a speaker and moderator at state and national conferences. Doug has been honored by his peers as Best of the Bar by the Sacramento Business Journal every year since 2014.

Doug is not only an innovative leader in his field, but also in the office. As managing partner, he leads by example, incorporating his business experience and technical know-how into ensuring White Brenner remains at the forefront in providing exceptional legal services to its clients. In addition to all of those roles, Doug is a dedicated family man, occasional half-marathon runner, and California wine enthusiast.

**If not a lawyer ...** I would work at a winery in Napa. Obviously I would like to make wine, but I'm probably not qualified for much else other than pouring. I'd just be happy to be there. But if I did produce my own wine, pinot noir (of course), it would be nice to name it after my children.

## Projects

- Amazon.com Distribution Hub in Patterson, California
- Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant Reuse in Riverbank, California
- Douglas Park project in Long Beach, California
- Fountainbleu project in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Newhall Ranch project in Los Angeles, California
- As the City Attorney, represents the cities of Angels Camp, Dixon, and Sonora in all municipal and legal matters
- Deputy City Attorney for the cities of Ceres, Oakdale, Patterson, and Riverbank
- General Counsel, San Miguel Community Services District and El Dorado Hills Community Services District
- Facilitated the development of the Restoration Hardware distribution center in the City of Patterson, which is expected to generate over 350 new jobs for the City
- Guided the City of Patterson's efforts in processing the necessary city approvals for a project consisting of a



- 120-acre business park, expected to bring over 1,000 new jobs to the City
- Responsible for the planning of a 1,100 acre industrial and commercial business park for the City of Patterson
- Assists cities in the preparation and evaluation of general and specific plan updates and adoptions
- Represented the City of Riverbank in CEQA litigation, resulting in a \$4M settlement for the city
- Successfully mediated and settled litigation cases on behalf of both private and public clients

### Credentials

- J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Specialization in Governmental Affairs
- B.A., University of California, Davis
- Member, California State Bar, Real Estate Section
- Member, California State Bar, Environmental Section
- Member, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Licensed California Real Estate Broker
- Best of the Bar by *Sacramento Business Journal*
- Selected for inclusion as a Northern California Super Lawyer
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in America* 2021 Edition in Real Estate Law

### Articles

- “Retrofitting Office Buildings to be Green and Energy-Efficient,” Peer Reviewer, Urban Land Institute (2009)
- “Special Contribution: Understanding Green Leasing,” Green Technology Magazine (February 26, 2009)
- “All Eyes on Albuquerque,” Central California Builder Magazine (September 2008)
- “California Becomes First State in the U.S. to Adopt Green Building Standards,” Central California Builder Magazine (September 2008)
- “Entitlements Don’t Equal Consideration,” Central California Builder Magazine (July 2008)
- “Gone Green? The Top Three Legal Issues to Consider When Building Green,” Central California Builder Magazine (June 2008)



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