



# MATT D. OBER

## PARTNER

MATT D. OBER is a partner of Richardson|Ober where his practice is dedicated to the exclusive representation of community associations throughout California. Matt has served as counsel to community associations for over three decades and has made significant contributions to the community association industry through both the Community Associations Institute (CAI) and the California Association of Community Managers (CACM). Matt is a member of CAI's National Faculty and a CACM faculty member. He is a Fellow of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) and is a past President of the College. Matt is also an Emeritus Delegate to CAI's California Legislative Action Committee (CLAC) and served as Legislative Co-Chair of CLAC's Executive Committee. He currently serves on CAI National's Government and Public Affairs Committee and was elected to CAI National's Business Partners Council. In 2018, Matt received the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award from CAI National for his years of service to the community association industry. In June, Matt was awarded the 2018 Manuscript Award from the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) along with colleague, Amy Tinetti, Esq. Their presentation, "Bucking the Trends: Impact of Legislative Trends on Community Association Governance" was selected from more than 50 other entries. CAI National also honored Matt recently with the "Author of the Year" award for 2020 for his work creating CAI's Civility Pledge.

Matt is a co-author of CAI's California Law Course for Community Association Managers and CAI's Board Education Course as well as CAI National's L-100 course "Essentials of Community Association Law." In addition, Matt has earned the Martindale-Hubbell® AV Peer Review Rating™ signifying the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

## Leadership

- President of College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL)
- Contributing author of CAI's California Law Course for CID Managers
- Past President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of CAI
- Past two-term President of CAI's Greater Inland Empire Chapter
- Past President CAI College of Community Association Lawyers
- CAI National Business Partners Council
- Delegate to CAI's California Legislative Action Committee
- Member of CAI's National Faculty
- Member of CACM Faculty

## CONTACT

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Common Interest Developments
- Community Association Law
- Condominiums and Planned Developments
- Contracts
- General Counsel
- Litigation

## EDUCATION

- Southwestern University School of Law, J.D.
- University of California at Los Angeles, B.A., Economics With Honors

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 1985
- The U.S. District Court for the District of California
- The U.S. Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals

## COMMUNITY

- Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center, Board of Directors; Past-President
- Commissioner, City of Whittier Parks and Recreation Department 2002-2010
- Whittier Cultural Arts Foundation, Vice President and Philanthropy Chair, 2001-2002

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- California Association of Community Managers (CACM)
- CACM Faculty Member
- California Bar Association
- California Legislative Action Committee, Emeritus Delegate
- Community Associations Institute (CAI)
- CAI National Faculty Member
- CAI College of Community Association Lawyers, Past President
- CAI Government & Public Affairs Committee
- CAI Business Partners Council

## PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

- CAI National Author of the Year
- CAI-National, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- CAI-National Rising Star
- CAI-GRIE, Article of the Year
- CAI National Law Seminar Manuscript of the Year Award
- CAI-GLAC, Excellence in Education, 2018
- CAI-CI, Outstanding Speaker/Educational Program, 2018
- CAI-GLAC, Outstanding Speaker/Educational Program, 2018
- CAI-GLAC Keystone Award 2016
- CAI-National, Rising Star Award, 2016
- CAI-GRIE, Hall of Fame Inductee, 2003
- CAI-GRIE, Outstanding Service Award, 2002
- AV® Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating
- CAI, Chapter's Presidents Award

## Select Courses

- L-100 - Essentials of Community Association Law
- M-204 CAI National Professional Management Development Program - Community Governance
- M-350 CAI National Professional Management Development Program- Manager and the Law
- California Common Interest Development Law Course for Community Association Managers
- CAI Basics of Community Association Management
- Basics of Community Leadership Training
- Ethics for Community Association Managers

## Select Seminars

- Aging In Place – Evaluating the Needs of the Aging and Disabled in Community Associations
- "Bucking the Trends: The Impact of Legislative Trends on Community Association Governance"
- "Drones in Community Associations"
- "Social Media in Communities"
- "I Can't Believe You Said That!"
- "Managing the Chaos - Reversing the Negative Perceptions of HOAs"
- "Mixed Use Is All Mixed Up!"
- "Water, Water, Everywhere, Nor Any Drop To Drink"
- "Construction Defect Claims with Condominium Conversions"
- "Watch What You Say! It Could Cost You"
- "Dial M for Mold: Overview of Mold Claim Procedures for Community Association Managers and Boards, and Preventative Measures to Avoid Claims"
- "Annual Community Association Legal Update"
- "Housing Discrimination and Religious and Cultural Practices"
- "Effectively Resolving Neighbor-to-Neighbor Disputes"
- "Fiduciary Duties of Boards and Management"
- "Community Association Security"
- "Handling Tenant Relations Effectively"
- "CC&Rs AIA and Rule Enforcement"
- "Establishing and Operating Common Interest Developments"
- Working With Challenging Personalities in Community Associations

## Select Publications

- "Divide and Conquer" by Pamela Babcock, Common Ground: CAI's Magazine for Community Association Leaders, May/June 2018
- "Change is Coming: Preparing for Amended Civil Code §4775" - California Association of Community Managers, Inc. (CACM) Law Journal
- "Association Contracts: Ensuring Completion of Your Construction Project on Time and Within Budget" – California Association of Community Managers, Inc. (CACM) Law Journal

