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**Ken's 30-year career in California environmental law has given him extensive experience with California statutes and regulatory programs in the areas of hazardous materials, natural resources and worker safety.**

He also has extensive experience with land-use permitting and litigation and with environmental insurance recovery negotiations and litigation.

Ken's environmental practice has included:

- Environmental, Health and Safety counseling.
- RCRA.
- CERCLA and Cal Hazardous Waste Control Act hazardous waste administrative actions and litigation.
- Significant permitting, enforcement and variance proceedings before State departments and regional Air Quality and Water Quality Boards.
- Administrative trials and appeals, including before the federal Environmental Appeals Board and EPA and CalOSHA administrative judges.
- Local land-use permitting and litigation, including CEQA, related to large land-use projects such as backbone telecommunication projects and commercial retail developments.
- California Green Chemistry, Cal Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Cal Public Records Act and Prop 65 counseling and litigation.

His California environmental law practice has included significant work in rulemaking with respect to hazardous waste, air, and water at the State, regional and local levels. This work has extended to litigation over the interpretation and implementation of newly enacted rules. His experience with the complete range of enactment and enforcement of environmental laws provides an unparalleled foundation for his counseling clients on environmental and land-use matters. His environmental work has also included representation of policyholders in environmental and natural disaster insurance recovery claims under property and CGL insurance policies.

Prior to joining Beveridge & Diamond, Ken was a partner for thirteen years at a large national law firm practicing in environmental and land-use law, and related litigation. Prior to his legal career, Ken worked in the California Governor's Office as the Assistant to the Governor for Toxic Substances Control and worked in the California Legislature as a Consultant to the California State Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and as a Legislative Aide for a State Senator. In those capacities, he drafted and negotiated numerous California statutes and administrative policy initiatives in toxic substances control and resource protection. Among other things, he drafted the legislation creating CalOSHA's Worker Right-to-Know Hazard Communication System and was responsible for the administrative creation of the Division of Toxic Substances Control.

### **Education**

- Reed College (B.A., 1978)
- University of California - Berkeley (M.S., 1987)
- University of California - Berkeley (J.D., 1987)

### **Bar Admissions**

- California
- District of Columbia

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals - Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court – Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court - Central District of California
- U.S. District Court – Eastern District of California