



## **Ella Gower**

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She advises clients regarding issues related to the Subdivision Map Act, Subdivided Lands Act, Commercial and Industrial Common Interest Development Act, Davis-Stirling Act and the Right to Repair Law (SB 800). She regularly assists clients with obtaining local and state project approvals.

## **Practice Areas**

- Common Interest Development

## **Education**

J.D., University of California, Davis, School of Law (2006)

B.A., University of California, Davis, Political Science - Public Service and History (2002)

## **Associations**

Building Industry Association (BIA), Bay Area

- Current Chair of Department of Real Estate Committee
- Past Chair Department of Real Estate Committee (2016, 2019 - 2021)

- Past Director, Board of Directors
- Past Chair, Associate's Committee

#### California Building Industry Association (CBIA)

- Current Member of Legal Affairs Committee, Government Affairs Committee and Department of Real Estate Committee
- Past Chair, Department of Real Estate Committee (2018-2019)
- Past Vice Chair, Department of Real Estate Committee (2016-2017)

#### Contra Costa County Bar Association (CCCBA)

East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC) – Board of Directors

Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund – Board of Directors

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) Northern California Advisory Committee

Pro Bono Attorney for Unaccompanied Minors

## Publications

"The Interstate Land Sales Act: What Counsel For A California Developer Should Know," *Miller & Starr, California Newsalert*, Volume 33, Number 6, July 2023

"How I Made Managing Partner," *Law.com*, June 28, 2021

Chapter 29 "Subdivision Offerings, Sales and Leasing," *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 4th* (co-author)

Chapter 28, "Common Interest Developments," *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 4th* (co-author)

"Separate But Not Equal: The New Commercial Industrial Common Interest Development Statute," *Miller & Starr, California Newsalert*, reprinted in part from Volume 24, Number 4, March 2014