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Miller Starr Regalia Welcomes Matthew Stone as Land Use Shareholder in Walnut Creek

Related Lawyers: **Matthew Henderson**, **Matthew S. Stone**

Related Practices: **Land Use - Entitlement**, **Land Use - Transactional**, **Land Use & CEQA**

Miller Starr Regalia (MSR), a preeminent California real estate law firm for more than 60 years, announced today the addition of Matthew Stone who joins the firm's Land Use Department as a shareholder in Walnut Creek. He joins from Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP.

"Matt's hands-on experience with sophisticated entitlement processes, his knowledge of California's regulatory framework, and his collaborative approach is a great addition to our practice," said Matthew Henderson, Chair of MSR's Land Use Department. Our clients will benefit from his insight and his commitment to effective, solution-oriented advocacy."

Stone advises property owners, developers, institutions, and investors on local land use and environmental compliance, guiding clients through the governmental approvals needed to develop or use property. His work includes conducting due diligence and zoning analysis, as well as crafting entitlement strategies to navigate complex development and environmental review processes.

He supports clients at every stage of the entitlement and environmental review lifecycle, from early project planning through final approval. He works closely with consultants and project teams to shape and refine projects, prepare application materials, and resolve challenging development or environmental issues. He also counsels clients on post-entitlement implementation, condition compliance, and construction-related matters.

Stone's experience spans a broad range of residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects across California, including coastal development and infill redevelopment. He is well-versed in the California Coastal Act, California Planning and Zoning Laws, the California Environmental Quality Act, and other federal and state environmental regulations.

"MSR has a strong reputation as the leading land use law firm in California, and I look forward to working alongside industry leaders as we continue to shape land use law and development in California," said Stone.

Stone earned his J.D. cum laude from Tulane University Law School and earned his B.A. from Yale University. He has been named One to Watch in real estate law from 2022 – 2025 by Best Lawyers.

MSR's Land Use Department counsels clients through California's complicated development permitting and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance process at every level of government, facilitating and obtaining project entitlements and related environmental compliance. In addition, Miller Starr Regalia works with clients in connection with all aspects of land use due diligence, entitlement strategy, project coordination and negotiation, and project implementation.

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