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## PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative Law & Hearings  
Appellate Advocacy  
Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Commercial & Business Litigation  
Commercial Lease Disputes  
Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation  
Land Use & CEQA  
Land Disputes, Easements & Lien Priority Claims  
Title Insurance

Lew is a shareholder with Miller Starr Regalia and has real estate litigation experience with a focus on title insurance and development. He is a member of the Appellate Practice Group and has authored the Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) and Involuntary Liens chapters of *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate, 3d Edition*.

Lew is a litigation shareholder in Miller Starr Regalia's San Francisco office. His practice encompasses a wide variety of litigation involving real estate issues.

Lew has extensive experience litigating title insurance cases, both defending insureds and providing coverage opinions. He has advised clients and litigated disputes involving real estate development, including contract disputes, entitlements, and environmental litigation, both from the perspective of the developer and representing people challenging a proposed development.

Lew has also litigated matters arising out of commercial leasing transactions, partition actions, nondisclosure cases in which fraud claims are asserted against brokers and sellers, boundary disputes, easement disputes, prescriptive rights and adverse possession, mortgage origination, servicing and secondary market transactions; and foreclosures. He has represented clients in property tax assessment appeals and tried eminent domain cases (condemnation).

Lew provides sophisticated corporate clients the advice they need to avoid litigation, and offers powerful advocacy as well as problem solving skill once a lawsuit is filed. He also represents individual homeowners, business operators, and governmental agencies.

Lew authored the Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) and Involuntary Liens chapters of *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate, 3d Edition* and is a member of the firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Lew began his career with Miller Starr Regalia in 1978. In 1984, he moved to a position as in-house counsel at a financial institution where his practice included commercial lending, mortgage banking, loan origination and servicing, and real estate development. He returned to the firm in 1990. His litigation philosophy is that whatever the subject matter, it's always about the people.

## EDUCATION

J.D. / M.B.A., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (1978)

B.A., Stanford University (1971)



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**PUBLICATIONS**

"Courts Are Without Power To Terminate Express Easements Based Upon Finding Them 'Unnecessary' - Cottonwood Reins In Scruby," *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate Newsalert*, Vol. 23, No. 4, March 2013

"Non-Boundary Fences," *CEB's Neighbor Disputes: Law and Litigation*, January 2013