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Of-Counsel

Jack Diepenbrock is an attorney at Diepenbrock Elkin Dauer McCandless LLP, focusing on business and real estate transactions and litigation, including environmental and condemnation matters, land use, governmental matters, and alternative dispute resolution. He has a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent Lawyer and has been listed in The Best Lawyers of America since 1989 for real estate, eminent domain and land use. He also was honored as the 1997 Sacramento of the Year by the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Diepenbrock represents buyers and sellers in disputes arising from the ownership and development of real property, including the representation of landowners in eminent domain and inverse condemnation actions. Mr. Diepenbrock represents both private and public entities in negotiating and drafting agreements for all aspects of real estate development, including drafting agreements for purchase and sale, financing, ground leases, etc. He represents clients seeking governmental entitlements and other matters on a national, state and local level. He also serves as a private alternative dispute mediator.

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**Education**

University of California, Boalt Hall,  
JD, 1952  
University of Santa Clara, BA, 1949

Mr. Diepenbrock is a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, American Bar Association, and has served as a Member and Chairman on the State Bar Rules of Court Procedure Committee and adjunct professor of corporate law at Pacific McGeorge Law School. Other matters include Member, Chairman Sacramento Host Committee, Past Director and President Sutter Club, Board

Member Mercy Housing, Inc., Sacramento County Bar Association Real Estate and Alternative Dispute Resolution Sections, Chairman California Lottery Commission, Past Director and Chairman California Chamber of Commerce, Director National Association of Public Television Stations, Director, Vice Chairman Catholic Healthcare West, Founding, Trustee and past Chairman, Pacific Legal Foundation, Director, Chairman of the Board Sacramento Symphony Association Member, Chairman California Public Broadcasting Task Force, Board Member Sacramento Pioneer Association, Director of numerous public and private corporations.

Mr. Diepenbrock's litigation experience has included defense of a major railroad company in numerous FELA and auto/train crossing cases many of which went to jury verdict and a major supplier of agricultural chemicals in product liability cases most of which were resolved by favorable jury verdicts. He has represented several banks or other financial institutions in lender liability litigation and has done trust and estate litigation including successful defense of complex will contest brought in Butte County by the estranged wife of the decedent after seven month jury trial; represented non-profit charitable foundation in successful contest of a trust created by decedent while subject to fraud and undue influence and defense of a will made in favor of our client by a California resident while living in Florida. He has worked on both sides of litigation involving alleged corporate misdoing and attempted involuntary dissolution. He has done numerous eminent domain actions including several actions to condemn miscellaneous real property interests but more frequently representing landowners whose properties were being taken in whole or in part for public purposes.

Apart from litigation, Mr. Diepenbrock has maintained a substantial practice in major business, real estate transactions and land use matters on behalf of local and other clients as Sacramento has grown from a small city to a large metropolitan center. He has also acted as a special advisor to the board of directors of a large nationwide provider of affordable housing for disadvantaged clientele.

Mr. Diepenbrock is proud to have represented a Catholic order of religious women for many years in their non-profit charitable, hospital and educational ministries throughout Northern California. He has represented them in their acquisition of adjacent parish school to permit \$170,000,000 expansion of urban hospital including providing new school facility requiring assembly of new site, ground lease to parish, financing of construction, attention to resolution of site contamination issues, obtaining entitlements for combined project over vigorous neighborhood opposition.