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Jennifer's practice spans all facets of land use and environmental law, from initial project conception through formal administrative review and approval. She advises private, non-profit, and public-sector clients on a variety of matters related to the development of commercial, residential, and mixed-use projects. Her areas of expertise include environmental due diligence, environmental review, permitting, project entitlement, and real estate transactions. Representative projects include development of corporate campuses, multifamily/mixed-use projects, major hospital and medical office facilities, transit-oriented developments, and railway operations/infrastructure.



She has particular experience advising clients on complex permitting, zoning, environmental liability, and regulatory issues, arising from a broad range of local, state and federal laws and regulations affecting land use development. Jennifer has deep expertise in California planning and zoning laws, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Subdivision Map Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the state and federal Endangered Species Acts (ESA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the federal Clean Water Act, and California's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Her practice extends to proceedings before local governments, including city councils and planning commissions, and county boards of supervisors, as well as administrative and adjudicatory proceedings before local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

Jennifer graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a J.D. and Certificate of Environmental Law from the School of Law (Boalt Hall), and a M.S. in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. During law school, she served as an executive editor of the Ecology Law Quarterly and a research assistant for the Law of the Sea Institute. She earned a B.A. in Environmental, Population, and Organismic Biology, with honors, from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Prior to practicing law, Jennifer directed Conservation International's Regional Marine Strategies program in Washington, D.C., where she provided management strategies, technical support, and analyses of marine biodiversity conservation practices to regional programs, local and national governments, and public institutions in 11 countries worldwide.

Before joining Stice & Block, Jennifer was a senior attorney in the Environment & Energy Practice Group at Morrison & Foerster, LLP in San Francisco.