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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY FOR DAVID C. SMITH

Over the course of his legal career, Mr. Smith has represented individual land development and conservation companies as well as the industry at large in a broad array of land use, entitlement and regulatory contexts. Mr. Smith's particular areas of legal expertise include land use and entitlement laws and regulations at all jurisdictional levels, especially climate change (e.g., SB 375 and AB 32), water supply (SB 211 and SB 610), the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and California's Planning and Zoning law.



Prior to joining Stice & Block, Mr. Smith was a Senior Vice President for DMB Pacific Ventures LLC, a strategic real estate and land use investment company. Mr. Smith's primary focus was on DMB communities in California, though he also worked on projects in other western states. DMB's proposed projects represent some of the most dynamic and complex regulatory development and conservation challenges and opportunities in the state.

In addition to his job responsibilities, Mr. Smith has published many articles on issues of concern for development and conservation interests, including Endangered Species Act compliance and policy, water supply, storm water quality and regulation, and anti-growth litigation. Mr. Smith has also lectured throughout the nation, including the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall, UCLA, the University of Southern California, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center.

Mr. Smith received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1988, and his J.D. (magna cum laude) from Pepperdine University in 1995. Additionally, Mr. Smith served as a judicial extern for the California Supreme Court. Mr. Smith resides in Southern California with his wife and three children.

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