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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY FOR STUART I. BLOCK

Stuart I. Block is a founding partner of Stice & Block LLP. Stuart's practice focuses on environmental law, particularly brownfields and urban redevelopment. Prior to forming Stice & Block LLP, Stuart spent more than 20 years at two of California's most respected environmental and real estate law specialty firms.



Stuart provides strategy and counsel to developers, manufacturers, municipalities, property owners, trade groups and high technology companies. His areas of expertise include real estate due diligence, property transactions, redevelopment, site cleanup, project permitting and environmental litigation. Stuart has worked on hundreds of contaminated sites, including former industrial facilities, landfills, rail yards, commercial nurseries, dry cleaners, gas stations and former military bases. Stuart also has extensive experience representing clients in connection with California's Proposition 65. In addition to his site-specific work, Stuart is active in legislative efforts to facilitate urban redevelopment and was intimately involved in the drafting and approval of the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act (CLRRRA), California Health & Safety Code § 25395.60 *et seq.*

Stuart has served as an elected member of the Executive Committees of both the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of California and the Bar Association of San Francisco. He is a past Chair of the Barristers Committee on Environment and Real Estate Law and has served on the Government Affairs Committee of the Building Industry Association of the Bay Area. In addition, Stuart was appointed by the Director of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to serve as a member of DTSC's Brownfield Revitalization Advisory Group.

Stuart graduated from the UCLA School of Law (J.D. 1992), where he served as Articles Editor of the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy. He received a B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University with honors in 1989. Stuart also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Harry Hupp of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Stuart was an associate then a partner with Beveridge & Diamond LLP from 1992 to 2000 and a partner with Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP from 2000 to 2013.

Stuart's published articles include: "Environmental Issues in Retail Leasing," Retail Leasing (2007), California Continuing Education of the Bar; "Environmental Hazards: It's buyer beware or pay a hefty price later – 10 steps you can take to protect yourself in a deal," East Bay Business Times, Nov. 2005; "The Polanco Act: Unlocking Property Value in Urban Areas," Builder Digest, Dec 2000; "The Legal Framework for Brownfield Redevelopments in California: A Practical Guide for Sellers And Other Potentially Responsible Parties," California Environmental Law & Remediation Reporter, June 1999, with J. Hernandez and E. Lake

Stuart has been recognized by Best Lawyers every year since 2011, and has been selected a Northern California Super Lawyer every year from 2007 through 2018. In 2018, Stuart was recognized by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in Environmental Law for the region including Oakland, California.