

Paul P. (Skip) Spaulding

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A seasoned environmental attorney, Paul “Skip” Spaulding develops real-world, business-focused solutions to challenging natural resource issues.

Skip Spaulding represents private companies, universities, and government institutions in environmental litigation and counseling. He handles all types of environmental and regulatory disputes and has been lead trial counsel in numerous environmental cases in federal courts in California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Washington, D.C. He maintains a unique brand in the Western U.S. for his expertise in citizen lawsuits brought under federal environmental laws.

Skip’s natural resource counseling practice obtains federal and state natural resource and land use permits for real estate, energy, and other development projects. Many projects are very large in scale and incorporate solar energy plants, transmission lines and substation projects; industrial, commercial and mixed-use real estate projects; and educational facilities. He has negotiated water permits with the U.S. EPA and California water boards, represented numerous clients in obtaining wetlands permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and resolved many difficult endangered species issues with various federal and state wildlife agencies.

Applying a creative approach to resolving issues, Skip enjoys an impressive track record of success. He particularly emphasizes close and

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

[Real Estate Development](#)

[Wine Industry](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Environmental Compliance & Litigation](#)

[Real Estate Disputes](#)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center; J.D., 1977

University of Michigan; A.B., 1973

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

Hawaii

10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court (Hawaii, Arizona)

U.S. District Court for the Southern, Central, and Eastern Districts of California

United States Court of Federal Claims

frequent communication with clients, many of whom he has represented for years, and equally strong, longstanding relationships with the regulatory bodies and courts before which he appears.

Activities

- American Bar Association – Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section
- San Domenico School Board of Trustees
 - Chair, 2015–2017
 - Board Member, 2011–2014
- Angel Island Conservancy Board of Directors
 - Vice President, 2008–2014
 - Member, 2005–2008
- Marin Theatre Company Board of Directors
 - Member, 1999–2005
- Womens' Fastpitch Softball (San Anselmo)
 - Head coach, 1997–2010

ACCOLADES

Recognized by *Best Lawyers*®, 2025

Selected for inclusion in *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine, 2005–2007, 2010–2023

Who's Who Legal California, 2007