

Contact

Top Skills

CEQA

Land Use Law

Municipal Law

Certifications

Law License

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Honors-Awards

San Diego Young Attorney 2014
Nominee

Advanced Trial Advocacy: High
Grade Award (Spring 2012)

Who's Who Among Students in
American Universities and Colleges
2012

San Diego County Outstanding
Service Award (2011)

2019 Rising Star: Land Use &
Zoning

Publications

California's South Coast Air Quality
Management District Adopts 2016
Air Quality Management Plan

Open-Pit Metallic Mining in California
—Still Stuck Between a Rock and a
Hard Place (To Mine)

State Water Board Finds California
Meets Water Conservation Goals for
the Third Straight Month—Residents
'Get It'

U.S. Department of the Interior
Approves Plans for Major

Martin Stratte

Land Use & Environmental Attorney
San Francisco Bay Area

Summary

Land use and environmental attorney with background in mineral law; mine planning and permitting; public land law; and litigation, including first chair trial and appellate oral argument experience.

Experienced with:

- Bureau of Land Management Surface Management Regulations and mining claim maintenance;
- California Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations;
- California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA);
- Clean Water Act section 404 permitting and section 401 certifications;
- Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and its application to mining rights;
- Federal and California Endangered Species Acts;
- Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA);
- Mining Law of 1872;
- Mining-related mergers and acquisitions;
- National Park Service Mining in the Parks Act; and
- Vested mining rights.

Experience

Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Partner

April 2024 - Present (3 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

I help clients with land use and environmental permitting, rezonings, and related litigation throughout the US, including defense of permits that are challenged in court. My practice is focused on the mining industry.

<https://www.huntonak.com/en/people/martin-stratte.html>

Renewable Energy Projects
throughout the West

California Court of Appeal Rejects
Claim that Mineral Patent Exempts
Owner from Compliance with
Surface Mining and Reclamation Act

California Construction and Industrial Materials Association
(CalCIMA)

Vice Chair - Legal Action Committee
January 2023 - Present (1 year 6 months)
California, United States

CalCIMA is the California trade association for the construction and industrial material industries, which include aggregate, industrial mineral, ready mixed concrete, and asphalt producers. The Committee advises the Board of Directors on legal matters in response to actions by courts, regulatory agencies, or municipalities.

LODE Gold (formerly Stratabound) LOD:TSXV SBMIF:US
Director
September 2023 - April 2024 (8 months)
Ontario, Canada

Lode Gold (fka Stratabound Minerals Corp.) is a Canadian mineral development company with a portfolio of gold and base metal assets in the U.S. and Canada. The company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol LOD.

Martin Marietta [NYSE: MLM]
Assistant General Counsel
July 2021 - April 2024 (2 years 10 months)
Raleigh, North Carolina, United States

Assisted with management of land use, permitting, and litigation matters related to Martin Marietta's network of quarries, rail yards, marine terminals, and cement/asphalt/ready mix plants.

Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP
Associate
July 2018 - July 2021 (3 years 1 month)
San Francisco Bay Area

Assisted with the entitlement of complex projects throughout California in accordance with CEQA, NEPA, and California's ever-changing greenhouse gas and climate change regulations. Practice was focused on projects for the mining, construction, and building materials industries, and ranged from land use/environmental due diligence and permitting, to the reclamation and

repositioning of property. Also assisted with mergers and acquisitions and real estate transactions.

Experience included work for large quarries and metallic mines, and the development of related infrastructure such as flood control levees and aggregate transloading facilities. Worked on projects located in both urban and remote areas, including federal public lands, national parks, and national monuments. Defended permits and land use entitlements when challenged through litigation and maintained an active appellate practice, which included oral argument before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Selected as a Rising Star in Land Use & Zoning by Super Lawyers in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Representative matters include:

- Castle Mountain Gold Mine: Assisted with permitting to restart mine, which included: (i) BLM plan of operations; (ii) National Parks Service plan of operations; (iii) Colorado Regional Water Quality Control Board Waste Discharge Order (for heap leach processing facility and operations); & (iv) SMARA reclamation plan from San Bernardino County.
- Eagle Materials Divestiture: Assisted with representation of Eagle Materials in connection with its approximately \$100 m divestiture of California assets to Teichert (consisting primarily of assets located in and related to the Yuba Goldfields).
- Stronghold Silver Acquisition: Assisted with representation of Stronghold Silver in connection with its approximately \$25 m acquisition of the Waterloo Project from Pan American Silver.
- KORE Mining: Assisted with permitting of BLM plan of operations for exploration drilling.

Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden
Associate

April 2015 - July 2018 (3 years 4 months)

Greater Los Angeles Area

Assisted with the entitlement of commercial, industrial, warehouse, and residential projects throughout California and defended the entitlements when

challenged through litigation filed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Planning and Zoning Law.

Drafted trial court and appellate briefing for defendant/real party in interest First American Title Co. in *Inland Oversight Committee v. City of San Bernardino* (2018) 27 Cal.App.5th 771, which affirmed that petitioners' CEQA allegations were barred under the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel.

Horton, Oberrecht, Kirkpatrick & Martha
Associate

May 2013 - April 2015 (2 years)

Greater San Diego Area

Defended premises liability cases; products liability cases; auto and truck accidents; transmissions of deadly infectious diseases; a large-scale ranching contamination; and numerous cases alleging traumatic brain injuries and wrongful deaths.

Drafted and argued motion for summary judgment on behalf of defendant Pine Hill Egg Ranch in a product liability action, *Mission Ranches Company, LLC v. Bull Enterprises, Inc. et al.* The MSJ, which was granted, was based on the raw supplier doctrine as articulated in *Artiglio v. General Electric Co.* (1998) 61 Cal.App.4th 830.

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
B.A., Urban & Regional Planning · (2004 - 2008)

Thomas Jefferson School of Law
J.D. · (2009 - 2012)