

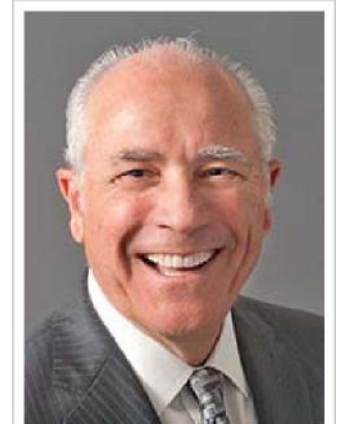
## Benjamin M. Reznik

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### Biography

As Chair of the Firm's Government, Land Use, Environment and Energy Department, Benjamin (Ben) Reznik's practice emphasizes real estate development entitlements, zoning and environment issues, including frequent appearances before city planning commissions, city councils and other governmental boards and agencies on behalf of real estate development firms and various industries. Ben leads a group of distinguished attorneys that specialize in CEQA and NEPA, air emissions, energy, licensing, government contracts, and regulatory issues, to name a few.

Ben, who has been lead counsel in high-profile projects for clients including G.H. Palmer, Kilroy, Candy & Candy, Decron Management Corp., and The Clarett Group, was described in 2010 as "the most powerful lobbyist in LA" by Curbed LA, Los Angeles' most respected, widely-read real estate and land use blog.

Profiled in the *Los Angeles Business Journal*

Selected by the *Daily Journal* as One of California's "Top 100" Lawyers Featured in over fifty *Los Angeles Times* articles

### Sample Projects:

- Argued before the California Supreme Court as the lead attorney in *Landgate, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission*, 17 Cal. 4th 1006 (1998) (a landmark decision impacting rights of property owners to sue governmental agencies for damages incurred by delays in the permitting process)
- Represented Mitsubishi Corporation in siting of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) receiving terminal and regassification facility in Southern California
- Represented The Clarett Group in obtaining entitlements for 1 million square feet mixed-use project in Hollywood adjacent to the Pantages Theater
- Represented G. H. Palmer Associates in obtaining entitlements for over 3,000 apartments in downtown Los Angeles (The Medici; The Visconti; The Orsini; The Piero)

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- Represented Candy & Candy and Project Lotus in obtaining entitlements for high end luxury condo project in Beverly Hills, CA known as 9900 Wilshire
- Represent Trammel Crow Company/Multi-Employer Pension Trust (MEPT) in obtaining development entitlements for large commercial office campus in west San Fernando Valley known as West Hills Corporate Pointe
- Represented Hudson News and Magic Johnson Enterprises in obtaining retail concession at Los Angeles International Airport (2010)

Since joining JMBM in 1997, obtained project approvals for several million square feet of commercial and several thousand units of residential valued in excess of \$20 billion.

## Recipient of Commendations from:

- The U.S. House of Representatives
- California State Assembly
- California Attorney General
- Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
- Los Angeles City Council
- Los Angeles City Attorney

## Education

- J.D., University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, 1976
- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1973

## Practices

- Government
- Land Use
- Environmental
- Real Estate
- Renewable Energy/Climate Change
- Chinese Investment Group™
- Global Hospitality Group®

## Industries

- Construction
- Energy
- Restaurant
- Retail

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## Languages

- Hebrew

## Successes

- JMBM Wins First Density Bonus Case Against the City of Los Angeles Under SB 1818
- Selected Land Use Litigation Cases
- Selected Development Projects and Clients
- Selected CEQA Litigation Experience

## Blogs

- Land Use Lawyer: Downtown Los Angeles Benefits from Chinese Investment
- JMBM Named as a 2015 Best Law Firm in Land Use and Zoning Law for Third Year in a Row
- Downtown Los Angeles Real Estate is Taking Off
- Appellate Court Rules in Favor of Saudi Prince in Benedict Canyon Case
- JMBM Hotel Developers Forum: Miguel Santana advocates hotel expansion for downtown Los Angeles

## Articles

- Real Estate Finance Journal: Opportunities Moving from Distressed Properties to More Normalized Real Estate
- JMBM 2013 California Real Estate Survey
- Los Angeles Business Journal: Subdivide and Conquer
- JMBM Development Rights Newsletter: Eldercare Housing Crisis Looming
- Los Angeles Business Journal: Reining In Area Planning Commissions

## Press Releases

- JMBM Named 2015 "Top Ranked Law Firm" by Martindale-Hubbell®
- JMBM Attorneys Included in Best Lawyers in America 2015
- Best Lawyers in America 2014
- Saudi Prince Files a \$25 Million Lawsuit Against the City of Los Angeles for Illegally Blocking Construction of His Family Residential Estate in Benedict Canyon
- JMBM Attorneys Recognized as Southern California Super Lawyers in 2013

## Media Mentions

- New York Times: In Los Angeles, a Nimby Battle Pits Millionaires vs. Billionaires
- Law360: California Supreme Court Urged to Reinforce CEQA Exemptions
- Law360: Saudi Prince Wants Chance to Amend \$25M Suit Over Mansion
- Orange County Register: School vs. Neighbors Ends in Draw
- Los Angeles Times: L.A. Yanks Permits for Hilltop Home

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#### Newsletters

- JMBM Development Rights Newsletter Spring 2011
- JMBM Development Rights Newsletter Fall 2010
- JMBM Development Rights Newsletter Spring 2010
- JMBM Development Rights Winter 2010
- JMBM Development Rights Summer 2009

#### Events

- Hotel Developers Forum: How "The City" can help make your hotel project financially viable
- JMBM's Executive Briefing 2013
- Lecture on U.S. Bankruptcy Law to Chinese Judges
- Business Issues Forum: Christine Essel, CEO of CRA/LA

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