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Neil H. Sekhri is Of Counsel in the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the firm's Land Use and Development Practice Group.

Neil has practiced real estate, land use and municipal law for over 30 years. His experience includes public and private partnerships, ground leasing, development agreements, land use and entitlements, CEQA, BCDC, public trust, historic preservation, acquisitions and dispositions, commercial leasing for landlords and tenants, and public agency rules and procedures.

Neil's representative clients include:

- the Golden State Warriors in the entitlement and implementation of the Chase Center in San Francisco;
- the Oakland Athletics working on the entitlement of a new ballpark in Las Vegas;
- Brookfield Properties in the entitlement and redevelopment of Pier 70, a 28-acre mixed-use development within the Port of San Francisco’s Pier 70 Historic District;
- The Related Companies in the entitlement and redevelopment of a 300-acre publicly-owned landfill site in the City of Santa Clara;
- Build Inc. in the entitlement of a large mixed-use public/private development with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department; and
- Treasure Island Community Developers in the entitlement and ongoing implementation of the redevelopment of Treasure Island, a former U.S. Navy base, as a large new master-planned community.

Neil has extensive experience collaborating with public agencies for both private and public clients. Recent public agency clients include:

- UC College of the Law, advising on real estate, financing and construction matters related to their recently opened academic and student housing building at 198 McAllister Street; and
- Napa County in the entitlement for the Napa Pipe project, a large mixed-use brownfields redevelopment project.

Previously, Neil was a San Francisco Deputy City Attorney where he acted as senior real estate counsel for the Port of San Francisco. Representative projects at the Port include:

- leading the Port through the negotiation and approval of the transaction documents and entitlements for the $400 million James R. Herman Cruise Terminal project at Piers 30-32;
- the $100 million historic rehabilitation of the Ferry Building;

Capabilities

Land Use and Development
Real Estate

Credentials

Education

University of California - Davis - 1987 Juris Doctor
University of Maryland - 1983 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

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- the historic rehabilitation of Piers 1, 1½, 3 and 5; and
- the complex land exchanges at Mission Bay, a 300-acre redevelopment site.

Neil is recognized by C*hambers USA* as a leading lawyer for California – Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use and was awarded the 2017 *Daily Journal* California Lawyer of the Year award for his work on the Golden State Warriors Mixed-Used and Event Center. He was also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Land Use and Zoning Law. He has been a member of the board of Directors of the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage and is an officer of the Golden Gate Chapter of LAI International, an honorary real estate professional society.

Neil is a graduate of the University of California at Davis King Hall School of Law where he was editor of the Law Review. Neil received his undergraduate degree in English with honors from the University of Maryland.

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