

Attorney Profiles

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As Chair of the Environmental Law Group, Carey L. Cooper works closely with business clients to assist them in complying with local, state and federal environmental laws. As part of her practice, she represents a variety of clients in environmental, business, real estate, and professional liability litigation. Ms. Cooper's practice currently focuses on the defense of environmental professionals and service providers in litigation and at trial. She also has a wealth of litigation experience involving industrial equipment, public utilities, land use, and toxic torts.

Ms. Cooper has participated in numerous national and local environmental seminars, and has published several articles on environmental topics. She also has successfully handled negotiations with various administrative agencies and prosecutorial bodies.

An accomplished attorney, Ms. Cooper is the recipient of the AV[®]-Preeminent™ peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell. In 2007, the *San Diego Daily Transcript* recognized her as a Top Attorney in real estate litigation in San Diego County. She has also been recognized by the *San Diego Business Journal* as a "Women Who Mean Business" nominee, and has achieved a top "Superb" ranking on Avvo.com.

Ms. Cooper previously served as Managing Shareholder of the San Diego office, as well as Chief Operating Officer of the firm. She graduated *cum laude* from California State University, Northridge before attending Washington & Lee University School of Law, where she also graduated *cum laude*.

Professional and Community Affiliations

Association of Environmental Professionals
SDCBA, Environmental and Land Use Section Chair (2008)
The State Bar of California
Editor, "The National Forum for Environmental and Toxic Tort Issues"
International Erosion Control Association
Kappa Tau Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Alpha Delta
Golden Key Honor Society
Omicron Delta Kappa (Academic Leadership)
Chair, Alumni Relations Committee

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"Noise, Light and Odors," *California Neighbor Disputes: Law & Litigation*
(Pending Publication January, 2013)

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Practice Areas

Asbestos
Business
Environmental/Land-Use
Product Liability
Real Estate

Admitted to Bar

California (1998)
U.S. District Court, Southern
District of California (1998)
U.S. District Court, Central
District of California (1998)
U.S. District Court, Northern
District of California (2003)

Education

Washington & Lee University
School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997)
California State University,
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Publications and Speaking Engagements (Cont.)

“Protecting Environmental Consultants’ Work from Discovery: *United States v. Torf* Extends the Work-product Privilege to Documents Which Serve a Dual Purpose,” *The National Forum for Environmental and Toxic Tort Issues Newsletter* (Spring, 2004)

The National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues Conference, Topic: “Litigation Update,” (October 2002)

“Mold Legislation in California,” *BIA Builder Magazine* (Summer, 2001)

“California Legislators Consider Enacting Toxic Mold Legislation,” *MECA Mailer* (July 24, 2001)

“Under Construction: The Toxic Mold Protection Act of 2001,” *California Real Estate Journal* (June, 2001)

“New Research Links Parkinson’s Disease to Its Chemical Causes,” *MECA Mailer* (March 15, 1999)

“Federal Preemption of State ‘Failure-To-Warn’ Claims,” *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (January 11, 1999)

“The Role of the Secured Interest Exemption in Lender Liability Under CERCLA,” *Environmental Law Digest*, Vol. 8:4

“The Pollution Exclusion Controversy,” *Environmental Law Digest*, Vol.10:1

“Comprehensive General Liability Policies & Third Party Disputes: Which Trigger of Coverage Theory will Virginia Adopt?” *Environmental Law Digest*, Vol. 10, No. 4

Appellate and Administrative Decisions

Del Cerro Action Council v. Board of Trustees of California State University, 2008 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 1334 (Cal. App. 4th Dist. 2008) - Served as Petitioner and Respondent’s counsel, securing and upholding \$96,000 award of attorneys’ fees and costs

In re: Request for Review of UST Claim No. 081647, 2008 - Served as counsel for a UST applicant in this administrative appeal, whereby the State agreed to reverse its initial decision denying the applicant up to \$1.5 million in State funds for a contaminated site

Grinham v. Fielder, 99 Cal. App. 4th 1049, June 24, 2002 - Served as Defense Counsel in the successful summary judgment proceeding, upheld on appeal

Recognition and Awards

San Diego Business Journal Women Who Mean Business Nominee (2010)

Recognized as a Top Attorney in San Diego County - Real Estate Litigation by the San Diego Daily Transcript (2007)

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