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What can I solve for you?

School districts turn to me for help in seizing opportunities and solving problems. I draft and negotiate complex real estate, construction, solar and other contracts and advise clients on ways to monetize property and create revenue streams. As a litigator, I am a thoughtful strategist at both the trial and appellate levels.

What's it like to work with me?

In my real estate and construction practice, I like helping turn an idea into a building that serves generations of families. It takes many steps: from identifying and acquiring a property and obtaining government approvals, to resolving project disputes and closing it out. Finally, what started as an idea manifests as a bright new school where students learn every day. In litigation, I enjoy digging into research and discovery to unearth that one key fact that is the lynchpin that helps my client prevail.

Overview

Drawing on years of experience and a diverse base of legal and business knowledge, Jim Traber advises school districts on an array of complex issues that arise in school facilities, real property, finance and other matters. Jim strategically drafts and persuasively negotiates the best contract terms possible in construction, solar, joint use, joint occupancy and joint funding transactions, among others. He also co-chairs the firm's Business & Facilities Practice Group and leads the firm in understanding emerging legal issues. Jim also has

extensive experience assisting schools with conflict-of-interest, Public Records Act and Brown Act compliance.

An accomplished litigator, Jim represents clients as the lead attorney in trial and appellate matters. These often involve contract disputes, developer fees, real property disputes, construction, inverse condemnation and eminent domain. Jim sees each case as a chess board where there is always an optimal move to be made – aggressive or otherwise – to strategically advance his client’s interest toward the desired outcome. Clients also say they appreciate that he comes to every meeting or court appearance fully prepared to make an impact.

Jim employs a calm and candid approach to establish realistic expectations about the outcomes of all the matters he handles.

After School

When Jim’s not serving clients, he likes to spend time with his family.

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D.)
- State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California

Related Services

- Business
- Real Estate & Property
- Facilities & Construction
- Governance & Leadership



Related Clients

- Public Education K-12