



Ernest E. Riffenburgh, *Shareholder*

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Ernest Riffenburgh is a senior shareholder with extensive experience in the purchase, sale, leasing and subdivision of commercial, industrial real estate, and renewable energy. Mr. Riffenburgh also has extensive expertise in the resolution of title issues, including mapping, easements, licenses and property rights derived from government agencies. He is often called upon to analyze and resolve title issues on behalf of national retail, railroad, commercial and industrial development, and renewable energy clients. Mr. Riffenburgh's in-depth knowledge and experience inform his approach to complex title issues and lead to innovative solutions not otherwise easily found.

KEY PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate

EDUCATION

University of Southern
California Law Center,
J.D., 1982

University of Southern
California, B. S.,
Business 1979, *Cum Laude*

BARS

California, 1983

U.S. District Court
Central District of
California, 1983

Mr. Riffenburgh provides expert general counsel to businesses involved in complex transactions, including the stringent requirements for developers to achieve LEED® certification of their projects. His ability to address multiple complex issues in real estate transactions and development makes him a sought-after advisor to businesses which include recreational and resort developments, alternative energy facilities, and major multi-national retailers.

Mr. Riffenburgh brings the same drive to his community efforts that is apparent in his practice. During his Chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the highly successful Southern California Aviation Summit was established to bring recognition to the Ontario Airport as a national transportation hub drawing attendees from throughout the western United States, including representatives from the airline industry, major metropolitan cities and agencies, as well as many well-known private enterprises. Also established during his Chairmanship was the Government Affairs Council, advocating to government entities on behalf of the business community.

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

Real Estate Transactions
Real Estate Title

Renewable Energy

AFFILIATIONS

San Bernardino County Bar Association, 1983 - Present

The State Bar of California, 1983 - Present

American Bar Association, 1983 - Present

Desert Valleys Builders Association, Member, 2009 - Present

U.S. Green Building Council, Inland Empire Chapter, 2009 - Present

Board of Directors, Fall 2010 - Spring 2011

Pacific Regional Council Co-Liasion, Spring 2011

Coachella Valley Branch, Liasion, Fall 2010

Ontario Chamber of Commerce, 1998 - 2008,

Board of Directors, Immediate Past-Chair, 2007 - 2008

Board of Directors, Chairman, 2006 - 2007

Board of Directors, Chair-Elect, 2005 - 2006

Vice Chair, Business Division, 2004 - 2005

Board of Directors, 2001 - 2008

Chair, Business Retention & Development Committee, 1999 - 2004

Rotary Club of San Bernardino Crossroads, 1986 - 2000,

President, 1992 - 1993

Fundraising Chair, 1993 - 1994

Board of Directors, 1989 - 1997

San Bernardino Executive Association, 1996 - 1997, Board of Directors

Project Home Run, 1992 - 1995, Board of Directors

Senior Citizens Foundation of San Bernardino, 1991 - 1994, Board of Directors

Moscow Conference on Law and Bilateral Economic Cooperation, 1990, Delegate

USC Legion Lex Inn of Court, 1985 - 1991

Executive Committee, 1988 - 1991

HONORS

Selected for inclusion in the **2010, 2009 and 2008 Best Lawyers in the Inland Empire** list, as published by INLAND EMPIRE MAGAZINE.

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