



## Practice Overview

**Steven Kahn is a seasoned real estate lawyer who balances litigation skill with strategy to achieve his clients' goals and protect their interests.**

Steven focuses on real estate disputes and litigation. He represents clients throughout Northern California, including individuals, families, trusts, real estate professionals, insurers, municipalities, and businesses of any size, private or public.

Steven is fundamentally a “dirt lawyer,” addressing wide-ranging issues involving real estate, and is committed to solving problems and finding solutions for clients in real estate disputes and transactions.

## Background

Steven joined Hoge Fenton in July 2014 and was elected a shareholder in January 2016. Previously, he was a partner with Bardellini, Straw, Cavin & Bupp LLP, a boutique law firm specializing in real estate and business litigation, real estate transactions, title insurance, and escrows.

Steven began his legal career as claims counsel with First American Title Insurance Company, where he gained valuable in-house experience in title insurance claims, escrow practices and procedures, and real estate transactions. In addition to his broad real estate practice, he is proud to now represent title insurers, underwritten escrow companies, and title insurance policyholders.

During law school, Steven worked as a California State Bar certified law student at the Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center's Consumer Protection Clinic, where he represented low-income individuals in litigation and disputes involving debt collection, credit reporting, and automobile sales.

## Practice Areas & Experience

### ■ Real Estate and Land Use

With more than 19 years of experience in-house, at large and boutique law firms, and through all phases of litigation, trials, arbitrations, appeals, and alternative dispute resolution, Steven counsels his clients on important real estate decisions in their business and personal lives. His core practice includes:

- Easements
- Boundary disputes
- Encroachments
- Land ownership disputes
- Title disputes
- Title cleanup and quiet title lawsuits
- Partition lawsuits
- Title insurance coverage
- Escrow disputes
- Mechanic's liens
- Quiet title
- Commercial real estate transactions and disputes
- Residential real estate transactions and disputes
- "Home sales gone bad"
- Commercial landlord-tenant disputes
- Drafting, review, and negotiation of commercial leases

## Education

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law - 2004
- B.A., Government, Claremont McKenna College - 2001
- Marin Academy High School, San Rafael, California

## Admissions

- California
- United States District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California

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