

PARTNER

Mark A. Easter

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Riverside

Mark Easter's practice focuses on public agency acquisitions, including eminent domain and inverse condemnation litigation. Mark is a partner in the Riverside office. He represents public agencies throughout California on a wide variety of public acquisitions, including projects for cities, counties, school districts, special districts, water districts, transportation agencies and housing authorities, and has extensive court and jury trial experience in eminent domain-related matters.

Mark is a member of the Inland Empire Chapter of the International Right of Way Association, an organization devoted to excellence in all aspects of public right-of-way work, including legal issues related to eminent domain and inverse condemnation litigation. He frequently writes articles for the IRWA and speaks at IRWA seminars. In 2018, he was named Professional of the Year by the Chapter.

Mark has significant experience in substandard housing and commercial building litigation, including litigation under California Business & Professions Code section 17200 and Health & Safety Code section 17980.7. He is one of the most experienced attorneys in California on Health & Safety Code section 17980.7 receiverships, and speaks at seminars throughout the state on receiverships.

Mark serves as treasurer of the Riverside County Bar Association. He has been involved in the Riverside County High School Mock Trial Competition since 1994 and has over 12 years of experience as a mock trial coach, first for Woodcrest Christian High School and currently for Valley View High School in Moreno Valley.

Accolades

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, 2024–2027
- UC Davis School of Law King Hall Alumni of the Month, August 2021

CORE PRACTICES

Eminent Domain

Public Agency Litigation

Mediation

Real Estate

Business

Municipal Law

Special Districts

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D.

University of La Verne, B.A., magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

California

Thought Leadership

Publications

- “The Unique Practice of the Eminent Domain Attorney,” *Riverside Lawyer Magazine*, Mar. 2026
- “Dealing with Nuisance Properties: The Tools in Your Code Enforcement Tool Box” *PublicCEO*, Feb. 16, 2017 (via *BBKnowledge*)
- “New Hurdles for Public Agencies: Accessing Property May Now Require Eminent Domain Actions” *PublicCEO*, April 10, 2014 (via *BBKnowledge*)
- "Pre-Condemnation Entry Statues Found Unconstitutional,” *BB&K Legal Alert*, March 18, 2014

Presentations

- "Lessons Learned from Litigating Real Property Valuation," International Right of Way Association, IRWA Annual Conference - Los Angeles Chapter, Oct. 13, 2026
- "2026 Eminent Domain and Inverse Condemnation Legal Update," International Right of Way Association Chapter 27 Meeting, Jan. 15, 2026
- "Welcome Back: Overview of Day Two," Continuing Legal Education International California Eminent Domain Annual Conference, Feb. 9, 2024
- "What ELSE is Wrong with Eminent Domain? – Agency and Landowner Perspectives: Building on Last Year’s Discussion of Problems and Solutions," Continuing Legal Education International California Eminent Domain Annual Conference, Feb. 9, 2024
- "Multi-Parcel Acquisitions: Strategies and Pitfalls," California Eminent Domain Institute CLE International Conference, Mar. 16, 2023
- "Conducting an Eminent Domain Trial in a Virtual World," International Right of Way Association Chapter 57 Membership Luncheon, Apr. 6, 2022
- "Welcome Remarks: Overview of Day One," CLE International's 24th Annual Southern California Eminent Domain Conference, Mar. 3, 2022
- Program Co-Chair, Welcome Presentation, 22nd Annual Conference Eminent Domain: The Basics & Beyond, Mar. 5, 2020
- Panels of Professionals Moderator, IRWA 2018 Education Seminar & Reception, International Right of Way California Chapter, Oct. 11, 2018
- "Inverse Condemnation — or Is It?" Appraisal Institute's 50th Annual Litigation Seminar, Nov. 9, 2017
- "Short-Term Rentals: Burdens and Opportunities," BB&K Webinar, Apr. 27, 2017
- "A Fresh Look at Damages and Benefits: Do You Look at the 'After Condition' Before or After the Project?" International Right of Way Association Los Angeles Chapter 1 Annual Valuation Seminar, Apr. 25, 2017
- "Anatomy of an Appraiser's Deposition," 3rd Annual International Right of Way Chapter 57 and Southern California Chapter of the Appraisal Institute Joint Luncheon and Program, Apr. 4, 2017
- "Partial Takings of Buildings - Cut and Re-faces, and Severance Damages," CLE International Annual Eminent Domain Conference, Feb. 10, 2017
- "Injunctions, Receiverships and Other Court-Approved Remedies," BBK From Code Compliance to Fighting Fire-Traps: How to Deal with Dangerous Dwellings in Your City Webinar Series, Feb. 2, 2017
- “The Most Important New Eminent Domain Court Decisions of the Previous Year,” International Right of Way Sacramento Chapter, Mar. 10, 2016
- Emcee, International Right of Way's Water Supply and Impacts Education Seminar, Oct. 16, 2015