

Matthew R. Silver, Esq., CCEO – Bio



Matthew R. Silver is founding partner at Civica Law Group, APC, a law firm focused on serving cities, counties and special districts in code enforcement, receiverships, litigation defense and land use practice. Mr. Silver's has a unique expertise on litigation in code enforcement, substandard housing, land use, drones and public agency law, nuisance abatement and receiverships. He has extensive experience in the courtroom in both civil and criminal litigation, having handled thousands of cases from inception to resolution, including through trial, writs and appeals in both State and Federal courts. Several cases have led to published case law, including in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Silver is a nationally recognized leader in code enforcement law, and his experience includes receiverships over substandard and blighted properties, civil litigation involving individuals and corporations that violate municipal codes and certain State laws, all aspects of complex nuisance abatement, enforcement of the State Housing Laws, drones and public agency law, constitutional law, land use review and revocation hearings, administrative law, and working with clients to develop efficient and effective systems for enforcing their municipal codes.

Mr. Silver volunteers his time to an array of code enforcement and public service-related organizations and events, including serving for over a decade as a volunteer on the executive board for the California predominant code enforcement organization, serving as an appointed member on a Senate working group, working with local homeless shelters and pro bono legal work. Mr. Silver is a frequent speaker and teacher on code enforcement and municipal litigation-related topics, and has served as lecturer at local colleges on these subjects. His articles have been featured in several publications and he has been featured on several podcasts. Mr. Silver has written and contributed to several State bills that have become law.

In 2000, Mr. Silver was honored to receive several awards for heroism stemming from an incident in which he pulled a person out of a sinking car that had crashed into a lake. He is a strong believer in the positive effect local government can on people's lives, and the rights of people to live in safe and healthy communities.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

B.A. in English, University of California – Irvine

Certified Code Enforcement Officer, CACEO

AREAS OF FOCUS

Code Enforcement

Drones & Public Agency Law

Substandard Housing

Receiverships

Nuisance Abatement

Constitutional Law

Public Agency Litigation

Liens & Assessments

Warrants

Homelessness & Public Camping