

# Brian A. Bauer

## Partner - Construction Management & Legal

Mr. Bauer is a founding member of South Coast Communities, LLC, which he helped found in 1999.

His duties at South Coast include preparing project management and land acquisition. Mr. Bauer also provides the company with in-house legal counsel and point of contact for financial operations. His duties include contract preparation and review, land use and environmental law. He has successfully negotiated and completed a number of residential developments for the company, including complex property assemblages. He is responsible for acquisition and disposition of well over thirty-million dollars of real property.

Prior to founding South Coast, Mr. Bauer served as in-house counsel for Zurich North America. Mr. Bauer served as a senior trial attorney in various real estate related actions and defended numerous construction companies, including residential homebuilders and commercial general contractors in the greater Southern California area. He has extensive experience in construction defect related litigation and served as a legal liaison and lecturer to insurance adjusters and the risk management group at Zurich.

He holds a degree from California State University at Long Beach in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, Mr. Bauer worked at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing, where he served as team leader and Senior Engineer.

Mr. Bauer obtained his Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School and began his legal career with a banking firm in Long Beach, CA. This firm handled finance related litigation for a number of regional banks. Mr. Bauer then served as a trial attorney for the firm of Meyer & Connolly, LLP, in Costa Mesa, CA. His responsibilities included work on a number of real estate litigation matters.

In addition to his work at South Coast, Mr. Bauer is currently teaching at UC Irvine in the Light Construction & Development Management program. His classes included the Overview class for the program and a class dedicated to the subject of Entitlements.



### *Areas of Expertise*

- ❖ *Land Use Law*
- ❖ *Project Management*
- ❖ *Land Acquisition*
- ❖ *Litigation & Transactional Work*
- ❖ *Engineering*