

ANNUAL CONFERENCE prop.65clearinghouse

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

JULIA MORGAN BALLROOM

8:00 to 9:00

Prop. 65 Freshmen Orientation

Instructors: **Joshua Bloom**, Partner, Environmental General Counsel
Bill Verick, President, Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation

Bios

Josh Bloom

Partner, Environmental General Counsel

Josh specializes in all areas of state and federal environmental and natural resources law, including complex litigation and compliance counseling, brownfields, transactional environmental matters, and consumer products issues, representing both public and private clients. He has thirty years of experience, practicing in both California and Washington, D.C.

Josh has special expertise with environmental transactions and natural resource law, including negotiating all aspects of brownfields redevelopment, environmental risk management and risk transfer, property dispositions, and risk-based cleanups. His practice includes counseling clients about environmental insurance, policy negotiation and claims disputes. His natural resource practice includes endangered species and wetlands matters, including Section 404 permitting, Section 7 consultations, habitat conservation plans, and criminal and civil defense.

Josh has expertise with a broad range of state and federal laws, including counseling, litigation, and defense under Proposition 65, the Clean Air Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the California Safer Consumer Products Regulation (the "Green Chemistry Initiative"), the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, and numerous other environmental laws. Josh's expertise also extends to military base transfers, including experience with the Presidio of San Francisco, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Adak Island Naval Complex, Oakland Army Base, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, and South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

Before joining Environmental General Counsel, Josh was a partner with Meyers Nave in Oakland, and with other private law firms in San Francisco, and also practiced in Washington, D.C. He also was Senior Project Staff with the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York, and worked as the public interface on CERCLA and RCRA issues with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2.

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Bill Verick

President, Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation

William Verick is the CEO of the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation and represents Mateel in Proposition 65 enforcement actions.

Mateel has been a Proposition 65 citizen enforcer since 1993. Some of the industry-wide enforcement actions that Mateel has brought include, lead in maple syrup, galvanized plumbing parts and in the insulation on electrical wiring. Settlements of these actions have led, across broad segments of these industries, to the reformulation of these products so as to reduce lead content.

Bill has also recently acted as a mediator in an industry-wide enforcement action.