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Charmaine Yu is an experienced litigator in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels. She has successfully defended development project approvals for many different projects throughout California, and against challenges under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other state and local land use laws. She represents clients in a wide range of other litigation, including contract and partnership disputes, business torts, unfair business practices actions, and employment-related matters, with particular expertise in defending wage and hour cases.

Before joining Coblentz, Charmaine was an attorney for the San Francisco Public Defender's Office where she was lead counsel in 35 jury trials and more than 20 appellate matters. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Royce Lamberth, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Charmaine graduated cum laude from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2001, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of The Georgetown Law Journal. She graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1998.

## Professional Activities

Charmaine is a former member of the board of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) and a member of the State Bar of California.

## Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Charmaine's recent publications include:
  - "[Calif. Housing Approval Law Is A Strong Tool For Developers](#)," Law360 (July 2020)
  - "[Court Rulings Demonstrate SB 35's Potential To Obtain Swift, Certain Approval Of Housing Developments](#)"

## Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center (2001)
- A.B., Duke University (1998)