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Craig Spencer focuses on land use, natural resources, and environmental law matters across various industries. He advises developers of commercial, residential, and educational projects on entitlement strategies and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and conducts due diligence for the acquisition, disposition, and leasing of property. Craig has assisted clients in developing housing and mixed-use projects, corporate R&D and office campuses, and industrial facilities.

Before joining Coblentz, Craig was a land use associate at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP in San Francisco. Craig previously served as a legal intern for the Natural Resources Law Section of the California Attorney General's Office. Before law school, Craig worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council in Beijing and Chicago.

Craig holds a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of Ecology Law Quarterly and earned a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law. He received his B.A. in history from Northwestern University.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening To: March 2024" (March 25, 2024)
- "March 2024 Election: San Francisco Measures and a State Proposition to Watch" (February 28, 2024)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: December 2023" (December 12, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: November 2023" (November 6, 2023)
- "2023 Housing Legislation Overview – Major Signed and Pending Bills" (September 28, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening To: September 2023" (September 8, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: August 2023" (August 7, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: July 10, 2023" (July 10, 2023)
- "Legislation Introduced to Reduce San Francisco Inclusionary Housing Requirements and Reform Development Impact Fees" (July 7, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: June 2, 2023" (June 2, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: May 5, 2023" (May 5, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: April 7, 2023" (April 7, 2023)
- "What We're Reading, Watching, and Listening to: March 3, 2023" (March 3, 2023)
- "2022 Housing Legislation Overview – Major Pending Bills on the Governor's Desk" (September 13, 2022)

- “San Francisco Election Results: Which Land Use-Related Ballot Propositions Passed?” (July 29, 2022)
- “The June 2022 San Francisco Ballot: Measures to Watch” (June 2, 2022)

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2019)

B.A., Northwestern University (2010)