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Pam Duffy practices in the areas of commercial real estate, land use, and development, with a special expertise in large public and private entity transactions. She has acted as lead counsel for numerous major development projects, including one of the largest rebuilding projects in San Francisco history, the \$2.5 billion Sutter Health/California Pacific Medical Center, which includes five campuses and two new hospitals spread across the city. She is currently lead counsel for the LA Clippers' new Inglewood, CA arena.

She is renowned for her in-depth understanding of the long-term implications of development requirements and how they affect construction, financing, operation, leasing, and sale of a development project. Pam is unusually skilled at helping clients find elegant solutions to the challenges that arise in the development of complex public/private projects.

Pam graduated with honors from California State University, Los Angeles, in 1970 and earned her law degree, cum laude, from Loyola University, Los Angeles, in 1978. While at Loyola, she was elected to the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society and served as a Lead Articles Editor of the Loyola Law Review.

Notable Representations

The San Francisco 49ers and its affiliates to secure entitlements, lease rights and financing for the new 68,000-seat NFL stadium in Santa Clara

5M, a 1.8-million-square-foot downtown San Francisco mixed-use project of Forest City and Hearst Corporation

The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in evaluating a San Francisco site for the proposed \$1.5+ billion, 250,000 square foot museum and educational institution

The Exploratorium relocation of its internationally renowned museum of science, art and human perception, to a nine-acre, 230,000-square-foot campus

Burlingame Point, a proposed water-oriented, master-planned biotechnology/corporate campus on an 18-acre site along the shores of the San Francisco Bay

Farallon Capital Management's 300-acre San Francisco Mission Bay development project

Forest City's Presidio Landmark, conversion of the former Presidio Public Health Services Hospital to a LEED Gold certified luxury apartment complex

Westfield Shopping Center, Forest City Enterprises' 1.5-million-square-foot historic renovation and new retail and entertainment project

eBay Inc.'s major campus expansion in San Jose

The 43,000-seat AT&T Park for the San Francisco Giants

Honors & Awards

Pam Duffy is one of the most recognized land use attorneys in San Francisco. Her many accolades include:

- Chambers USA, ranked Tier 1 in land use and real estate law (2003-2019)
- Best Lawyers San Francisco Lawyer of the Year: Real Estate (2016)
- National Law Journal Outstanding Women Lawyers (2015)
- Daily Journal Top 50 Development Lawyers (2014)
- Best Lawyers San Francisco Lawyer of the Year: Litigation – Land Use & Zoning (2014)
- San Francisco Business Times Northern California Real Estate Women of Influence, Hall of Fame (2013)
- Chambers USA, National Real Estate Lawyer of the Year (2013 and 2012), Women in Law Award
- Daily Journal Top 30 Real Estate Lawyers (2012)
- Best Lawyers San Francisco Lawyer of the Year (2011 and 2010)
- Daily Journal Top 100 Lawyers in California (2011 and 2010)
- San Francisco Business Times 100 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business (2005-2010); inducted as a Forever Influential Woman (2011)
- California Real Estate Journal Dealmaker of the Year for her work on the Presidio Landmark, conversion of the Public Health Services Hospital in San Francisco to residential uses (2009)
- Northern California Real Estate Women of Influence by GlobeSt.com (2009)
- California Lawyer California Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award for her work on the Westfield San Francisco Centre (2009)
- San Francisco Chronicle, Top 25 Lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area (2003)
- Daily Journal, Top 12 Land-Use Attorney in California (2002)

In 2003, Pam was recognized as a distinguished alum of Loyola Law School, and in 2014, recognized as one of 50 Inspirational Alumni. In 2017, Pam was recognized as a California State University, Los Angeles Alumna of the Year. Pam is a chosen member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Lambda Alpha International, as well as the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She holds an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell and is a member of a select group of women in Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers.

For over 20 years, Pam has been ranked as one of The Best Lawyers in America by Best Lawyers and has been annually listed as a Super Lawyer in Northern California. She is listed in International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers, Who's Who Legal: California, and Cambridge Who's Who Registry among Executive and Professional Women.

Professional Activities

Pam serves on the Board of Directors of the National Advisory Council of the Institute of Governmental Studies at U.C. Berkeley and is a member of the Advisory Board of the College of Natural & Social Sciences at California State University, Los Angeles. She has previously served on the boards of the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, the San Francisco Chapter of Lambda Alpha, The Exploratorium, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), The City Club, the International Museum of Women Advisory Committee, the Old Mission Dolores Restoration Project, the Margaret Jenkins Dance Co., the United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Francisco, and KQED, Inc.

Additionally, she was a member of the San Francisco Mayor's 2015 Housing Working Group, and a mayoral appointee to the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the Reuse of Treasure Island Naval Base.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Pam has served as a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School, the Harvard Law School, UCLA Law School, the MIT Graduate School of Urban Planning, Stanford Law School, the Practicing Law Institute, the UC Haas School of Business, the University of Oregon Business School, Southern Methodist University Law School, the Urban Land Institute, the California Building Industry Foundation, and other professional organizations. She recently completed 3 years teaching an undergraduate seminar in the UC Berkeley political science department.

Education

J.D., cum laude Loyola University (1978)

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