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Barbara Schussman, a Partner in the firm’s Environment, Energy & Resources practice, focuses on securing federal, state, and local agency approvals needed to develop a wide range of private and public projects, including industrial scale solar facilities, university campuses, hospitals, research and development facilities, water supply and storage projects, oil refineries, maritime port and airport expansions, and numerous industrial, commercial, housing, and mixed use developments.

Schussman counsels clients regarding compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), legislative and quasi-adjudicatory approvals required under the California Planning and Zoning Law, and permits and approvals required by other land use and environmental regulations, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, federal and state Endangered Species Acts, California Coastal Act, and the Subdivision Map Act. She is also an experienced litigator, and has defended approvals and environmental permits in both the state and federal courts, including the California Supreme Court.

She is the author of the CEQA chapter of *Curtin’s California Land Use and Planning Law*. She also teaches and lectures on CEQA and NEPA compliance and litigation issues for a variety of organizations.

Schussman has been ranked by *Chambers USA* as one of “America’s Leading Environment Lawyers” and “America’s Leading Real Estate Lawyers” since 2013. She has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2010 for Environmental Law Land Use & Zoning Law and Litigation—Land Use & Zoning. Additionally, she was listed in *Super Lawyers*, Northern California, from 2004 - 2016, and in *Legal 500* as a “Leading Lawyer, Environment: Transaction and Regulatory” in 2011. She is also involved in the Contra Costa County Bar Association.

Schussman is admitted to practice in California, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California. She earned her J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law in 1989 and was a member of the Order of the Coif. She earned a B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles, *magna cum laude*, in 1986.



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