

The Pre-Condemnation Process: Pointers & Perspectives

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Emily Chaidez represents public and private clients in all stages of litigation. She believes in taking a practical approach to litigation, relying on preparation and open communication to achieve successful results. She has represented prominent clients in state and federal court in complex and high-profile cases. Emily is a graduate of the University of California Hastings, College of the Law and is a member of the Lawyers Club. She joined Best Best & Krieger LLP in 2014.



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Kelsey Mills represents landowners and businesses on various aspects of real estate and land use litigation, including eminent domain, inverse condemnation, valuation and other real estate disputes.

Kelsey has assisted clients in resolving costly lawsuits involving land use, CEQA, and eminent domain actions. She has also achieved favorable settlements of public agency takings of property and disputes alleging CEQA, general plan and zoning violations. Her perspective on practicing law was shaped in part by her work as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Garrett Wong of the San Francisco Superior Court of California. The experience provided her with valuable insight into the litigation process and courtroom procedures. Kelsey's practice at Allen Matkins was also influenced by her previous experience as an associate at a large regional law firm, where she managed a variety of general litigation cases from the pleadings stages through the appellate process.

During law school, Kelsey was a symposium editor on the Hastings Business Law Journal, Director of Community Affairs for the Associated Students at UC Hastings, and a mediator in the San Francisco Small Claims Court through her law school's Mediation Clinic. Kelsey is an active member of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). She enjoys spending time traveling with her husband and son.