



OUR TEAM

Varner, Sean S. Managing Partner

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Sean S. Varner, Managing Partner of Varner & Brandt LLP Riverside, is a corporate and transactions attorney focusing his practice on mergers and acquisitions, corporate and business strategy, real estate strategy, transactions and general counsel work. With over 20 years of legal and business experience Sean takes time to know his clients and their goals and objectives. He handles a variety of opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs, including critical transactions facing a diverse clientele including Fortune 500 companies, the food and beverage industry, the manufacturing industry, the service industry, the technology sector, entertainment and social media, real estate development and land use, restaurant, venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, officers and directors of corporations, and a variety of family-owned businesses. He strives to bring high value, focused advice and personalized attention to his clients. Sean also represents oversight boards in the winding down of redevelopment agencies. In 2016, Governor Brown appointed Sean to the prestigious "Little Hoover" Commission, charged with the mission to investigate California state government operations and – through reports, recommendations and legislative proposals – promote efficiency, economy and improved service.

Sean also enjoys spending time with his family and friends and supporting his talented daughters in their academic, athletic and artistic endeavors. He and his family also enjoy volunteering and serving the community together supporting various charitable organizations.

Focus

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- Entertainment/Social Media Representation
- Technology

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent®, Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell®

Community Involvement & Pro Bono

- Little Hoover Commission, Vice Chairman
- The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Chair of the Board of Directors
- UC Riverside Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
- Monday Morning Group, Director and Transportation Committee Chair
- Young Presidents' Organization, California Inland Empire Chapter, Board Member, two time Chairman, Education Chair, Membership Chair
- National Orange Show, Director and Two-Time Past Chairman of the Board of Directors
- UC Riverside Athletics Association, Board of Directors
- San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, S.S.B. Deputy
- Riverside EXCITE Business Incubator, Secretary and founding member of the Board of Directors
- First Tee of the Inland Empire, Board of Directors
- Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship, California State University San Bernardino, Advisory Board Member
- Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino, Former Board of Directors Member
- HomeAid Inland Empire, Former Member of the Board of Directors
- Leadership Riverside, Graduate and Former Steering Committee Member
- Spirit of the Entrepreneur Awards, Former Judge
- Legends FC Soccer Club, Manager & Volunteer Administrator
- California State University, San Bernardino Graduate School of Management, Guest Lecturer
- Frequent speaker at mergers & acquisitions seminars and entrepreneurial groups

Publications

- *CEQA After Two Decades: Relevant Problems and Ideas For Necessary Reform*, 19 Pepperdine L. Rev. (1992) (reprinted in the National Law Anthology, Environmental Law Anthology, October 1993)

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, JD *cum laude*, 1993
- University of California, Los Angeles, BA, 1989
- Cambridge University, England, Pembroke College

Admissions

- American Bar Association
- The State Bar of California
- Riverside County Bar Association
- United States District Court (Central, Eastern, Southern, Northern Districts of California)
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals