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Brent Saldaña advises investors, developers, owners and operators, and others in the real estate industry in diverse, sophisticated real estate and corporate transactions. His clients span from individual investors and family-owned real estate enterprises, to established developers, to sponsors launching real estate funds, and his experience touches on multiple asset types and classes, including multifamily, office, industrial, R&D campuses, and vineyards, among others. He serves as chair of Farella Braun + Martel's Real Estate Group.

Brent has extensive experience in acquisitions and dispositions, construction and permanent financings, multi-tiered joint ventures and entity formations, development projects, leasing, and asset and property management arrangements. He advises clients in many unusual deals requiring creative structures, including unique land swap transactions and challenging tenant workouts. Brent also works closely with members of Farella's Family Wealth Group in structuring real estate holdings and succession planning for families looking to preserve generational wealth.

Brent's practice has a particular focus on complex real estate projects in the San Francisco Bay Area that require negotiating mutually beneficial solutions among multiple stakeholders to protect his clients' interests. His work involves thoughtful consideration of interrelated agreements, excellent project management skills, and a continual appreciation of the big picture. He brings an infectious enthusiasm for placemaking, the built environment, and all things real estate.

Representative work includes:

- Representing the developer in adaptive reuse projects in the East Bay involving the exercise of purchase rights in leases with the municipality, structuring of joint ventures, obtaining construction financing, and negotiation of reciprocal utility easements with adjacent owners.
- Representing a multifamily owner and operator in the restructuring of a dozen of its limited partnerships and tenancy in common holdings along the West Coast.
- Representing the seller in the sale of a Peninsula office building re-entitled for multifamily construction. This sale, involving seven separate owners, required intricate seller financing, facilitated by the appointment of an administrative agent.
- Representing a sponsor in the formation of a single-family residential investment fund targeting assets in the Southwest.
- Representing owners and operators of collective retail experiences, including representation of a flower market operator and food hall operator.
- Advising an office/retail unit owner in the foreclosure of an assessment lien under a reciprocal easement agreement against an adjoining unit owner.
- Negotiating a \$175MM credit facility, including lines of credit, secured by personal property assets for a Bay Area-based construction company.
- Advising clients on Subdivision Map Act, Tenant Protection Act, Commercial Tenant Protection Act and other California statutory law issues.
- Negotiating financing for the developer of a mixed-use project in India Basin in San Francisco.
- Assisting an East Bay developer with build-to-suit leases, including a build-to-suit lease for a 220,000-square-foot office building for a life sciences company.
- Representing winery and vineyard owners and operators in water infrastructure and water rights easements.
- Advising a senior living owner and operator in sale negotiations with a developer of an adjacent mixed-use project in San Jose in which the senior living owner obtained future easement and other rights in an

Services

- Real Estate

Education

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2010)
 - with honors, Contributing Editor and Member, Submissions Review Board, Texas International Law Journal, Member, Chicano/Hispanic Law Students' Association
- Tufts University (B.A., 2003)
 - with honors

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

intricate set of sale and easement agreements.

Prior to joining a law firm, Brent worked in development and marketing at The San Francisco Foundation and as in-house counsel for a CDFI fund (nonprofit lender) lending to businesses in New York and in disaster recovery zones.

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2025)

Experience

Represent Miller Family on Sale of The Silverado Vineyards

Represented the Miller family on the sale of Napa Valley luxury wine producer The Silverado Vineyards to Foley Family Wines. The sale included a 73,000-square-foot winery and 300 acres of vineyards across Napa's Stags Leap District, Coombsville, and Yountville wine regions.

Far Niente Family of Wineries & Vineyards

Represented Napa Valley luxury wine producer Far Niente Family of Wineries & Vineyards in its acquisition of the Provenance Vineyards real estate in Rutherford, Calif. from Treasury Wine Estates. Far Niente purchased the property as the new home for its Bella Union brand. Farella also advised Far Niente on the concurrent sale of the Provenance brand and inventory to Lodi, Calif.'s Thomas Allen Vineyard & Wines.

San Francisco Flower Mart Development Project

Represented the master tenant of the San Francisco Flower Mart in renegotiating its agreements with Kilroy Realty Corp., including a long-term master lease to permanently relocate the Flower Mart to 16th and Mississippi Streets in the San Francisco Potrero Hill neighborhood. The firm continues to assist the San Francisco Flower Mart with the redevelopment of the property. Over the past six years, the firm represented the owner of the site in obtaining entitlements for 395 housing units, industrial leasing and design matters.

Fort Baker/Cavallo Point Lodge

Represented the developer of a hotel, spa and restaurant at Fort Baker, a historic military base located at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. We assisted the developer in obtaining historic tax credits and coordinating with various state and federal agencies, negotiating and drafting construction contracts, and provided course-of-construction counseling to address and resolve design and construction issues as they arose, proactively avoiding costly and distracting claims.

Outside the Office

The father of two kids, Brent spends an inordinate amount of time coordinating activity schedules with his wife, attending basketball games and volleyball matches, and negotiating screen time. He relishes having kids old enough to join him in his rollercoaster enthusiasm and foodie outings. When Brent is not spending time with his family or serving his clients, he is improving his calisthenics skills, browsing architecture, art, and design blogs, or enjoying quiet time reading or working on logic puzzles in Alameda, where he resides.