

What Types of Projects Are Most Often Tied Up in CEQA Litigation?

Holland & Knight conducted an analysis of all published court decisions from 1997 to 2012 in which a CEQA lawsuit was filed challenging the validity of a development project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the California Court of Appeal or Supreme Court level. This analysis was done to examine the types of projects most frequently sued under CEQA. Among its key findings:

59% of challenged projects identified as either infill or greenfield were infill development projects.



More than a third (36%) of projects challenged were public works projects.



The most commonlychallenged types of projects involve public infrastructure (19%) and mixed-use developments (19%).



Report conducted by Holland & Knight analyzes 95 published court decisions from 1997 to 2012 in which CEQA plaintiffs litigated the validity of an EIR to the California Court of Appeal or Supreme Court. Full report can be found at http://www.hklaw.com/publications/Analysis-of-Recent-Challenges-to-Environmental-Impact-Reports-12-01-2012/