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Jeffrey S. Lawson is a shareholder of the Silicon Valley Law Group. He is the attorney primarily responsible for the firm's environmental practice. He has significant experience in the areas of: commercial litigation; environmental litigation; and water rate litigation. His environmental practice includes: compliance, defense of enforcement actions; real property site assessments; cleanups under Federal and State Superfund statutes; due diligence; development of contaminated sites; the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); the Clean Air Act; the Clean Water Act; Proposition 65; risk assessments; underground storage tanks; and environmental insurance coverage. He has represented clients in state and federal court and before federal, state and local environmental regulatory and political entities involving a variety of land use, permitting and enforcement matters.

He serves as a mediator in environmental and commercial disputes. He holds a certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from UC Berkeley Extension. He has received ABA training on mediating non-litigated cases, overcoming impasses in mediation, and mediating complex multi-party cases. He has volunteered with the Santa Clara County Superior Court overseeing civil settlements since 1994.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, Natural Resources and Environment Section, and a former member of the Executive Committee of the California Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, where he was co-chair of the Legislation Committee.

He received his B.A., with Great Distinction, from San Jose State University in 1978 and J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles Law School in 1981.

He was the Managing Editor of the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy from 1980-81 and an environmental law columnist with CircuiTree Magazine from 1997-2000.

Law & Politics Media and San Francisco Magazine has recognized him from 2004 to the present as one of Northern California's Super Lawyers in the field of Environmental Law. He is Martindale-Hubbell AV rated.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose and on the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe River Park. He is a retired California Air National Guard Brigadier General.