The Environmental, Land Use & Real Estate Law Emphasis Program (ENLURE) integrates the study of environmental law and land use with the study of real property transactions and development. The ENLURE program provides a foundation in regulatory and transactional issues encountered most often in practice.

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Matthew S. Brady (’06) has been a Super Lawyers “Rising Star” for four straight years and was included in the publication’s “Up-and-Coming 25: Orange County Rising Stars” in both 2015 and 2016. An Associate at Selman Breitman’s Orange County Office, he is a member of the firm’s Toxic Tort/Environmental, Products Liability, and General Liability practice groups. Matthew represents manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, and retailers in product liability, toxic tort, environmental and other general liability cases, including those arising out of exposures to asbestos and other hazardous materials. His clients include manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors of automotive, electrical, and construction products.

Within his first year as a practicing attorney, Matthew began focusing on environmental and toxic tort litigation. “I had exposure to some environmental and toxic cases while working as a summer associate after my 2L year. In my 3L year, I decided to try out criminal law, which was exciting but not for me. That is when I went back to working in the environmental and toxic tort field.” He attributes the advanced course on Toxic and Mass Torts Law, as well as first year Torts, with providing him an excellent foundation for his practice today.

SELECT EMPLOYERS & EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Environmental Protection Unit, Orange County District Attorney’s Office
- Huntington Beach City Attorney’s Office
- Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
- Selman Breitman LLP

RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & COMPETITION TEAMS

- Environmental Law Society
- Real Estate Transactions Society
- Appellate Moot Court Board
- Mock Trial Board
REQUIRED COURSES
- Constitutional Law
- Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Real Estate Transactions
- Property

ELECTIVES
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Real Estate Finance
- Commercial Leasing
- Construction Law
- Ecosystems & Legal Problem Solving
- Environmental Justice Seminar
- Toxic and Mass Torts Law
- Water Law and Land Use Practice Lab

EDUCATION
Yale University, Juris Doctor
University of Michigan, Bachelor of Arts

- Scholarly work focuses on the relationship between the local political process and judicial doctrine in land use and local government law
- Research combines doctrinal analysis with insights from disciplines that include urban sociology, geography, economics, and the humanities
- Selected as a participant at the Junior Faculty Forum at Harvard Law School
- Named Professor of the Year at Chapman’s Fowler School of Law
- Spent four years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York
- Worked as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice’s Office of Constitutional Torts, and as an Associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter
- At Yale, he served as a Notes Editor of the Yale Law Journal and an Editor of the Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities

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