



SCMV Overview

For over 70 years, Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek has dedicated itself to serving as advocates for our clients and the community. As one of a very few San Diego-founded, mid-sized law firms, our clients can expect personal communication and trustworthy legal counsel from some of the most experienced attorneys in San Diego.

Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek thrives on providing excellent client service to businesses, families and individuals. We scale our services to meet the particular goals of each client by communicating directly and frequently with our clients, and staying active and hands-on in all matters. We constantly strive to ensure that our attorneys are accessible, responsive and committed to taking the best approach to achieve meaningful results and at the same time provide great value for our clients. Our attorneys are committed to providing our clients with a full range of legal services at the highest level of quality regardless of the complexity of the legal issue. In addition to standing behind the companies and organizations that do business in San Diego and the United States, Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek is able to help its national and international clients obtain quality legal representation through its membership in the Law Firm Alliance. The law firms that make up the Law Firm Alliance, similar to Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, are a group of mid-sized law firms that provide clients with capable and quality legal services throughout the nation and the world.

History

Since our founding in 1948, Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek has served as dedicated advocates for our clients and the San Diego community. Our founders initially focused on real property matters and quickly became known as the premier real estate and land-use attorneys in San Diego. Over the years, as the legal needs of the firm's clients expanded, we also expanded by adding attorneys and practice areas ranging from family law to litigation, estate planning, tax, intellectual property, cross-border and business law. Today, one-third of our team has been with Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek for 20 years or more.

Our firm was built on the foundation of community service, a legacy that continues today at Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek. Our attorneys actively participate in many civic, charitable and legal organizations. A proud supporter of San Diego arts, it was fitting when our firm moved to the San Diego Symphony Towers building in 1991, and we continue today to maintain our offices in this iconic location.

Approach to Client Service

Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek's client-centered focus led us to organize our attorneys into practice areas.

These practice area teams reflect our firm's long-held belief, borne out of experience, that the practice of law is about learning all we can about our clients' businesses and helping clients as both attorneys and trusted advisors.

As a client of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, you can count on being treated with respect from your team of advocates. From the first strategy session, you will be a vital part of decisions on staffing, priorities and costs.

That high level of communication will be maintained throughout our work with you. And, while we pride ourselves in keeping our clients from the anguish and expense of litigation whenever possible, when necessary, our litigation attorneys are known throughout the San Diego community for their skilled and aggressive courtroom representation.

Because Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek believes our clients deserve every advantage, we have invested significantly in technology to ensure our clients gain this advantage. In a profession where precision and speed can make all the difference, we make it a priority to keep up with technology, and our clients see the advantages a technological edge brings to the legal arena. You can be assured we will do whatever it takes to remain at the forefront in using technology to advance your interests.

SCMV at a Glance

Founded: 1948

Attorneys: Shareholders - 23; Of Counsel – 7; Associates – 11

Practice Areas: Administrative, Land Use & Environmental Law
Appellate Law
Aviation
Banking & Finance
Business Insolvency & Creditors' Rights
Business Law
Construction Law & Construction Litigation
Cross-Border
Cyber Planning & Response
Employee Benefits & ERISA Compliance
Employment Law
Estate Planning & Administration
Estates & Trusts Litigation
Family Law
Finance/Corporate & Securities
Insurance Law
Intellectual Property
International Finance, Investment & Tax
Litigation
Professional Liability Defense
Real Estate Development & Litigation
Real Property
The Trademark Group®
Transactional Tax Planning & Tax Controversy
White Collar Criminal Defense/Government Investigations