

Attorney Howard Ellman to give the sixth annual David Marc Belkin Memorial lecture

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Howard Ellman, a San Francisco attorney who is considered to be one of the most highly acclaimed legal experts in the field of real estate and land use matters, will give the sixth annual David Marc Belkin Memorial Lecture Thursday, May 17, 1984, at the University of California, San Diego.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in room 110 of Robert O. Peterson Hall on the Third College campus. Ellman will talk on "The Ethics of Land Development."

The Belkin Lectures on environmental issues were established by the parents and friends of David Marc Belkin, an honors graduate of John Muir College at UCSD. Belkin lost his life while backpacking in the High Sierra in July 1978. His love for the wilderness prompted his family to establish the endowed memorial fund in his memory.

Each spring the lectures bring to UCSD a distinguished figure associated with conservation and environmental studies. Ellman has been a regular participant in continuing education for the California Bar program as well as the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association joint committee on continuing legal education, presenting programs on environmental law and land use control.

Born in Chicago, Ellman received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Northwestern University in 1956 and a Certified Public Accountant Certificate from the University of Illinois Committee on Accountancy a year later. He received his law degree from Stanford University in 1959. While at Stanford he was elected to the Order of the Coif and served as a member of the Board of Editors of the Stanford Law Review.

He has been a partner in the law firm of Ellman, Burke and Cassidy since 1976 specializing in real estate and environmental law, including private real estate transaction, land security, debtors' and creditors' rights, development situations and all aspects of regulation of real estate ownership, development and sale. He served as a visiting lecturer in law at UC Berkeley from 1966 to 1976 presenting third year advanced real estate seminars in environmental law and land use control. During the 1966-67 academic year he served as an adjunct professor at Stanford University presenting third year seminars on land use and real estate problems. He has also served as a guest lecturer for the advanced real estate course at Golden Gate University School of Law and for the humanities sequence in John Muir College at UCSD.

Ellman has been active in legislative and regulatory work including participation on the committee which drafted California condominium legislation. He is a past member of the California State Department of Real Estate Subdivision Advisory Committee which drafted condominium, planned unit development and related legislation and has been a participant in numerous development in loan transactions involving air rights development, three-dimensional subdivisions and mixed use condominium projects.

He has served as legal representative for the Southern Pacific Development Company; Gerald Hines, the largest builder of office buildings in California; Trammell Crow Companies; as special counsel to the City and County of San Francisco in connection with leasing of city properties and port litigation over Pier 39 development,

and as special counsel to AT&T Long Lines in connection with real estate aspects of the Bell System Divestiture in 1983.

The Belkin Lectures were inaugurated in 1979 by Peter Matthiessen who lectured on "The American Indian and Wilderness." The second lecture was delivered by David Brower who talked on "Contemporary Conservation Issues." Wallace Stegner delivered the third Belkin Lecture in 1981 speaking on "The Gift of Wilderness" and Edward Abbey delivered the fourth lecture in 1982 talking on "A Walk Through the Desert Hills." Last year, Dr. David Western, a noted resource ecologist associated with the New York Zoological Society's Animal Research and Conservation Center in Nairobi, Kenya, spoke on "The Origins and Development of Conservation in East Africa."

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