

**Elizabeth Tom Arce**

Liz is an accomplished advocate with experience litigating a wide array of labor and employment cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Liz has successfully represented employers in matters ranging from single plaintiff lawsuits to wage and hour class and collective actions. Her litigation experience includes numerous successful summary judgment motions, defeating class certification, and decertifying collective actions. Liz's litigation practice also includes handling matters in arbitration and before administrative agencies where she has been effective at obtaining favorable results for the firm's clients.

**Ariel Pierre Calonne**

(pronounced "R-E-L KA-LAWN") Mr. Calonne is a dual graduate of the University of California, receiving his law degree at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of California at Riverside. Before coming to Santa Barbara in March 2014, Mr. Calonne spent 7 years as the city attorney of Ventura, 4 years as the city attorney of Boulder, Colorado and 13 years as the city attorney of Palo Alto. Mr. Calonne served as President of the City Attorneys' Department of the League of California Cities in 1998-1999 and was named Public Lawyer of the Year in 2003 by the Public Law Section of the State Bar of California. In 2006, the Colorado Metro City Attorneys Association honored him with the Outstanding City Attorney award. Mr. Calonne has authored numerous articles and amicus curiae briefs on public records, First Amendment governmental immunity, and open government issues. He was the founding chairperson of the League of California Cities' Public Records Act Committee from 1994 until January 1998. He was a member of the advisory committee to the Joint Senate-Assembly Task Force on Personal Information and Privacy chaired by California State Senator Steve Peace. In 1996 and 1997, Mr. Calonne participated on the Electronic Access to Public Records Task Force formed under the Senate Select Committee on Information Services in State Government. Before serving in Palo Alto, he was with the Los Angeles law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon where he served as city attorney for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and principal assistant city attorney for Palmdale and Westlake Village. At one time or another in public and private practice he has served as deputy or assistant city attorney for the cities of Ventura, Corona, Redlands, Banning, Desert Hot Springs, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Carson and Perris, California. He began his career as a water law associate with Best, Best & Krieger in Riverside, California.

**Kendra Carney**

Ms. Carney practices in the areas of land use law, public law, and election law, and prepares legal opinions and transactional documents including ordinances and resolutions, administrative policies and regulations, leases, permits, affiliation agreements, and contracts. Ms. Carney provides transactional and advisory legal services to various cities, special districts, and commissions regarding all aspects of municipal and local government law, including the Political Reform Act and other conflict of interest issues, the California Public Records Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Elections Code, land use and zoning, the California Environmental Quality Act, municipal code enforcement, and municipal contracting and procurement. Ms. Carney began her legal career in 2007. Prior to joining the firm in 2015, Ms. Carney served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Long Beach where she provided legal counsel to city departments and commissions. While in Long Beach, Ms. Carney advised the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine, Innovation and Technology Department, and the Special Events and Filming Department and represented Long Beach in civil litigation matters and administrative hearings. Ms. Carney currently serves as a representative of the League of California Cities City Attorneys' Department on the Brown Act Committee and Environmental Quality Policy Committee. Ms. Carney received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2004). She received her law degree and her Masters of Law in Taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2007, LL.M. 2008).

**Walter Chung**

Mr. Chung is a Lead Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego. Mr. Chung handles complex litigation matters for the City of San Diego. Since 2006, Mr. Chung has handled the majority of the City's pension related litigation. Mr. Chung's practice also includes extensive appellate work. Mr. Chung has been counsel for the City in numerous published appellate opinions in cases involving pension rights, attorney's fees, the Brown Act and attorney sanctions. In 2011, Mr. Chung was named by the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal as one of the top twenty five municipal lawyers in the state. Before coming to work for the City of San Diego, Mr. Chung worked in both private law firms and as an in-house counsel.

**Andrea Clark**

Andrea Clark is a partner in Downey Brand's Water Group in Sacramento, California. She counsels public agencies on a wide variety of regulatory matters related to water rights and flood control. Ms. Clark's areas of expertise include water transfers, cultural resources, public agency law (including the Brown Act, Public Records Act, public bidding, financing, contracting, joint powers authorities and elections), flood control liability, financing and strategy for flood control improvements, and the California Environmental Quality Act. Ms. Clark is a Vice-Chair for Membership for the ABA Water Resources Committee. She received her JD from the University of Michigan and her BA in Environmental Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley.



Timothy Davis

Mr. Davis is chairman of the firm's Labor and Employment Law and a partner in our Trial and Advocacy Practice Groups. Mr. Davis has negotiated numerous labor agreements between cities and their employee groups, including police, fire, general employees, and management groups. Additionally, his practice includes internal investigations of employment complaints involving discrimination and harassment as well as the presentation of seminars on how to prevent discrimination and harassment and investigate allegations of discrimination and harassment. He also trains Human Resource professionals and managers regarding proper investigation techniques. His practice also includes development of personnel rules and policies including discipline and grievance procedures, and the investigation of grievances. Mr. Davis is also an experienced litigator who has tried to verdict several employment cases in federal and state courts and conducted over 60 employment arbitrations. Mr. Davis routinely defends employers in litigation matters in actions involving state and federal law, including but not limited to Title VII, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Americans with Disability Act, Age Discrimination and Employment Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, California Family Rights Act, California Pregnancy Disability Act, Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights, and wage and hour issues. His practice also includes the representation of public employers before state, federal, and local administrative proceedings, including Department of Labor, local civil service commissions, PERB, EEOC, and OSHA. His litigation practice, with substantial emphasis and experience in labor and employment, encompasses all aspects of litigation, including trial, all phases of trial preparation, arguing law and motion matters, taking depositions, preparing and responding to pleadings, drafting and responding to written discovery, and research. Mr. Davis' reported decisions include *Alhambra Police Officers Association v. City of Alhambra*, (2003) 113 Cal.App.4th, 413. Mr. Davis received his B.A. degree *cum laude* in Integral Studies from Saint Mary's College of California in 1992 and his J.D. degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1995. Mr. Davis' commitment and experience in public law began in law school, where he co-authored the article *Does a Public Law Attorney Owe a Duty to Third Parties*, which appeared in the summer 1994 issue of the Public Law Journal.

**Brian Forbath**

Brian Forbath is a shareholder in the law firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth. Mr. Forbath works exclusively in the public finance area, serving as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel on a variety of financings. Mr. Forbath has extensive experience in general fund, redevelopment, public utility and land-secured financings and derivative transactions. Mr. Forbath is a 1998 graduate of Loyola Law School and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara as an undergraduate, where he also completed a semester abroad at the Universidad de Valencia, Spain. Mr. Forbath has been a lecturer on federal securities laws at the National Association of Bond Lawyers Workshop in Chicago and at the California Redevelopment Association Technical Institute in Anaheim. He is a frequent lecturer for the California Debt Investment Advisory Committee on a variety of topics. He was a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers' task force on drafting Disclosure Roles of Counsel in State and Local Government Securities Offerings (3rd Edition, 2008). Mr. Forbath works out of Stradling's Newport Beach office, but represents clients throughout the State of California.

**Michael Jenkins**

Michael has devoted his career to the representation of cities and other public agencies. He currently services as City Attorney for the cities of Hermosa Beach, Rolling Hills and West Hollywood. Michael is a frequent presenter at League conferences. He is a partner, along with Christi Hogin, of the Jenkins & Hogin law firm in Manhattan Beach.



Richard Kite

Richard W. Kite has been a Palm Springs area resident for over 57 years. He graduated from Palm Springs High School in the early 1960s and then went on to the University of California at Berkley where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Upon returning to the desert, he entered the investment business and was later the Manager and Vice President of PaineWebber in Palm Desert for 22 years. In 2005, he joined the investment firm of UBS Financial where he is currently a Senior Vice President and Investment Advisor. Richard has served as President of the Board of Directors for both the Cove Communities Joslyn Center and the Family YMCA of the Desert. He was also elected as the Director of the Coachella Valley Parks and Recreation District. Because of his service to the community, the Palm Desert Post selected him as "Citizen of the Year." In April of 2000, Richard was elected to the Rancho Mirage City Council where he served as Mayor from April 2001 to April 2002. In April 2004, he was re-elected for another 4-year term on the City Council, running unopposed. He served again as Mayor for the City from April 2006 to April 2007. In April of 2008, he was re-elected again for another 4-year term on the City Council. On May 6, 2010, Richard was selected to be Mayor from May 2010 to April 2011. In 2012, he ran unopposed and appointed by City Council for another 4-year term. He was once again Mayor for the City from April 2013 to May 2014. In 2015, he was re-elected for another 4-year term on the City Council. In 2008, Richard served as Chairman of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC). He serves on the Executive Committee of the League of California Cities Riverside County Division. In 2015 he was elected to serve as President of League of California Cities, Mayors and Council Members Department Executive Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Cove Communities/Anita B. Richmond Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert and the Board of Trustees for the McCallum Theatre. He was appointed as the City's representative on the Board of Directors for the Coachella Valley Economic partnership (CVEP).

**Martha Knudson**

Martha is a founding member of Aspire (www.aspire.legal), a consulting firm created to serve the legal profession by enhancing attorney engagement, performance, and resilience. Before Aspire, Martha worked for almost six years as the General Counsel of AMC, a leading national real estate management company. At AMC, Martha provided legal over-site on all aspects of the company's national operations, advised leadership, and worked with the messy reality of keeping a business and its people thriving. Prior to this position, she spent ten years as a litigator in private law-firm practice where she rose to the rank of shareholder.

Martha earned her law degree in 1999, graduating magna cum laude. In 2015, Martha earned a Master of Applied Positive Psychology from The University of Pennsylvania. Based on her background and experience Martha understands how, while often exciting, challenging, and fulfilling, the practice of law can also be antithetical to the practitioner's well-being. Martha thus has a special interest in seeing law students and legal practitioners learn the skills that will allow them to flourish and find long-term meaning within the practice of law. In addition to Aspire, Martha also works as an Assistant Instructor in The University of Pennsylvania's Master of Applied Positive Psychology program for Dr. Martin Seligman, co-founder of positive psychology. Martha can be reached at mknudson@aspire.legal

**Martin Koczanowicz**

Mr. Koczanowicz is a principal in the firm of Koczanowicz & Hale and serves as the City Attorney for Grover Beach, Tulare and King City. Mr. Koczanowicz has practiced law for 29 years, and for most of his career has focused on serving public entities. Prior to opening his firm in 1999, Mr. Koczanowicz served as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Fresno where he litigated complex environmental coverage cases to fund cleanup of Superfund sites for the city, negotiated Consent Orders with the EPA and State regulatory entities and defended civil rights lawsuits against the city. Mr. Koczanowicz chaired the Section 1983 Civil Rights Committee at the City Attorney's office, served as a backup legal advisor for the city's police department and prosecuted municipal code violations on behalf of the city. Mr. Koczanowicz has lectured in the area of constitutional law at the California State University Fresno Criminology Department and has served on numerous League and department committees, most recently chairing the Legal Advocacy Committee.

**Christian Marsh**

Christian Marsh is a partner in the San Francisco office of Downey Brand LLP. He advises public and private clients, including cities and counties, on natural resource and land use matters involving water rights, the public trust doctrine, endangered species, wetlands, California planning and zoning law, and NEPA and CEQA review. Among a variety of projects, he has advised clients on residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate developments, renewable and non-renewable energy projects, military base closures and reuse, port and waterfront developments, and water supply and other public infrastructure projects throughout California. Christian conducts trial and appellate-level litigation in each of these areas, and was an attorney of record for the prevailing parties in two CEQA cases before the California Supreme Court, *Save the Plastic Bag Coalition v. City of Manhattan Beach* and *Stockton Citizens for Sensible Planning v. City of Stockton*.



Charles Parkin

Mr. Parkin was elected Long Beach City Attorney on June 3, 2014. City Attorney Charles Parkin has extensive experience with the City of Long Beach. He began his career with the City in 1985 working for the Department of Oil Properties. In 1995, Mr. Parkin was hired as a Deputy City Attorney, in October of 2006 was promoted to Principal Deputy City Attorney, in January of 2012 was promoted to Assistant City Attorney, and in August of 2013 the City Council appointed Mr. Parkin City Attorney. Mr. Parkin's experience includes representing the City of Long Beach in general civil litigation matters, conducting jury trials, bench trials, mediations and arbitrations. Mr. Parkin has advised various City Departments including City Auditor, City Clerk, Water, Police, Fire, Gas and Oil, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Development Services, Health, Public Works, Financial Management, Human Resources, Library, Technology Services, Harbor and Airport. In addition to his administrative duties in the office, Mr. Parkin currently advises the City Council, City Clerk and also provides legal advice regarding Tidelands issues, open meeting laws and conflict of interest regulations. The City Attorney's office is comprised of five divisions: Departmental Counsel, Litigation, Harbor, Workers Compensation, and Administrative, and has an operating budget of approximately 10.8 million dollars for fiscal year 2016. The office is the sole and exclusive legal advisor of the City, City Council and all City commissions, committees, officers and employees. The City Attorney's office consists of 69 employees, including 23 attorneys. It is charged with municipal legal responsibilities as complex as any in the state. Professional Affiliations Mr. Parkin is admitted to practice in California and before the United States District Court for the Central District, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Parkin is a member of the California State Bar Association (Public Law Section), Long Beach Bar Association (Elected to the Board of Governors for the terms of 2003-2004 and 2012-2013), IMLA, CAALAC, and served as President of the Long Beach City Attorney's Association for the term of 2003-2004 and served as the Vice-President 2002-2003. Mr. Parkin served as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach City Employees Federal Credit Union since 1998 and as Chairman from 2011-2014, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Education Mr. Parkin graduated *cum laude* from Pacific Coast University, School of Law and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

**Lisa Pope**

In 1995, after a career as a gymnastics coach, Lisa switched gears to start a new life in municipal government as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Malibu. She left Malibu in 1997 for a brief stint as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Moorpark. After the birth of her second child, Lisa started her own business, Minute by Minute Transcription, a company specializing in the preparation of City Council and Planning Commission minutes. In 2001, Lisa returned to Malibu as City Clerk. After a total of 21 years in Malibu, she recently headed down the coast to serve the City of Santa Monica as its Assistant Director of Records and Election Services. Lisa served on the Southern California City Clerk's Association Board as Corresponding Secretary and Director and on the State Board from 2005-2010 as Communications Director, Second Vice President, First Vice President and CCAC President from 2009- 2010. Lisa has worked on the planning committee and as vendor coordinator for the City Clerks Association of California's annual conference. Since 2005, Lisa has coordinated and presented at the California City Clerks Southern Division Nuts and Bolts workshop. In September 2002, Lisa obtained the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) in March 2008. She was an Honored Recipient of the 2005 President's Award of Distinction for Elections Management. Lisa was awarded the City Clerks Association of California City Clerk of the Year award at the 2015 Annual Conference.



Steven Quintanilla

President of the Law Offices of Quintanilla & Associates. Serves as City Attorney for cities of Rancho Mirage, Desert Hot Springs and Moreno Valley. UCLA Masters in Urban Planning and JD from UCLA School of Law.

**Javan Rad**

Javan Rad is the Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Pasadena, and has been with Pasadena since 2005. Javan oversees the Civil Division of the City Attorney's office, and also handles a variety of litigation and advisory matters in the areas of constitutional, tort, and telecommunications law. Javan has been active in a variety of capacities for the League of California Cities' City Attorney's Department. Javan is also the immediate Past President of the City Attorney's Association of Los Angeles County, and is on the Board of Directors of SCAN NATOA (the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors). Javan graduated in from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Quantitative Agricultural Economics and from Pepperdine University School of Law.

**Randy Riddle**

Mr. Riddle advises and represents public agency clients on a wide range of government law issues. From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Riddle served as the City Attorney for the City of Richmond, where he advised elected and appointed city officials, attended City Council meetings, supervised litigation, and managed the City's legal staff. He currently serves as Town Counsel for the Town of Corte Madera, and General Counsel for the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District. Mr. Riddle possesses a unique combination of government law and public ethics experience, having served as Chief Counsel to the California Secretary of State and counsel to San Francisco Ethics Commission. He is also the incoming Chairperson of the League of California Cities Committee on the Fair Political Practices Commission. Mr. Riddle has provided advice and litigation representation on matters related to constitutional issues, government ethics, open government requirements, initiative, referendum and recall petitions, administrative law and the legislative process. In 2012, he was named as one of California's Top 25 Municipal Attorneys by the Daily Journal. He was previously named a California Super Lawyer in the area of political law.

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James Sanchez

James Sanchez has served as the City Attorney for the City of Sacramento since December 2012. He received a B.A. from Pepperdine University in 1981 (*Magna Cum Laude*) and a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law in 1984. Mr. Sanchez has practiced municipal law for over thirty years holding various positions. His passion is aiding elected and appointed officials in resolving complex social and economic challenges facing their cities. His prior positions include City Attorney for the City of Fresno, City Attorney for the City of Salinas, and Deputy County Counsel for the County of Fresno. He was a Legal Extern to Justice Cruz Reynoso with the California Supreme Court. Mr. Sanchez has provided legal advice and services on the full range of municipal litigation and transactional legal issues, and supervised the City's environmental, litigation and economic development/finance units. One of his more recent endeavors has been the successful oversight and coordination of the multiple lawsuits, financing and transactions related to the half a billion dollar Golden One Center entertainment complex in downtown Sacramento. Mr. Sanchez has spoken on various municipal topics ranging from open meeting requirements to environmental liabilities. Mr. Sanchez has been active in several organizations and committees including: Rotary Club; La Raza Lawyers; Editorial Committee of League of California Cities Municipal Law Handbook; Monterey Bay representative to League of California Cities statewide Legal Advocacy Committee; and National League of Cities invitee to meet with US EPA in Washington D.C. to advocate equitable approaches to municipal environmental liabilities. He has also published articles on municipal environmental liabilities for the League of California Cities and the California State Bar. He has served as a board member for several community oriented nonprofit organizations, and is a past president of the Fresno La Raza Lawyers Association.

**Brian Walter**

Brian Walter represents clients in all aspects of employment and labor law, including litigation, counseling on employment and labor relations matters, training and presentations, employee discipline matters, administrative hearings, and investigations. Brian has handled class actions and collective actions in federal and state courts and is Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Brian has extensive experience handling FLSA issues and representing law enforcement agencies, including successfully defending employee discipline matters for sworn and civilian law enforcement personnel.

**Lisa Westwood**

Lisa Westwood, RPA is a Registered Professional Archaeologist with over 21 years of experience in cultural resources management. She serves as Director of Cultural Resources for ECORP Consulting, Inc. in Rocklin, designing and carrying out cultural resources investigations and programs to support Section 106 NHPA consultations and environmental review under CEQA. Building upon her expertise in archaeology and cultural resources law, and her experience in CEQA/NEPA, permitting, and tribal consultation, her professional focus is on cultural resources policy and the negotiation and development of cultural resources compliance strategy for large specific plans, residential developments, and public sector projects.

**Anna Zappia**

Anna Zappia is lead appellate counsel in the *County of Riverside v. PERB, SEIU*, the legal challenge to AB 646 factfinding case, now pending petition for review in the California Supreme Court. She earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, and graduated from Northwestern University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, where she also studied at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. After graduating, Anna clerked for the Honorable David Nelson on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and proceeded to hone her appellate skills at Kirkland & Ellis. After rising to partnership in a Century City firm, Anna was rewarded with a two-year graduate scholarship to Oxford University.

**Ed Zappia**

Ed Zappia of THE ZAPPIA LAW FIRM has 22 years' experience defending public sector employers in all aspects of labor and employment law and litigation, including: workplace investigations, police-POBR/public employee discipline, labor/employment law trainings and presentations, FLSA-Wage/Hour advice and defense, defense of harassment, discrimination, retaliation and wrongful termination litigation, trial and appeals. Ed Zappia is lead counsel in *County of Riverside v. PERB, SEIU*, the pending legal challenge to AB 646 factfinding.