

**Sukhi Brar**

Senior Commission Counsel Sukhi K. Brar has been with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for over 10 years. As a Senior Commission Counsel she develops public policy and provides expert knowledge on all areas covered by the California Political Reform Act, including conflicts of interest, gifts, campaign finance, and revolving door laws. She regularly drafts regulations interpreting provisions of the Act and has drafted hundreds of advice letters to public officials. She has also drafted and advocated for numerous political reform related legislative proposals before the California Legislature and has extensive experience working with nonprofits and other citizens' groups interested in developing political and ethical reform. During her two years with the FPPC Enforcement Division, she oversaw the administrative investigation and prosecution of dozens of cases involving violations of the Political Reform Act.



## **Celia Brewer**

CELIA A. BREWER – City Attorney, City of Carlsbad Celia A. Brewer's more than two decade long career in public service has included work on some of the San Diego region's most complex and high profile land use and environmental projects. Brewer is currently city attorney for the City of Carlsbad, where she was a key member of the team that negotiated a historic agreement with NRG Energy and SDG&E to remove the aging power plant from the city's coast. In this role Brewer also led the city's legal strategy in response to the use of the citizen initiative process to gain approval of a proposed open space and retail plan that drew statewide and national attention. Prior to joining the City of Carlsbad in 2003, Brewer served as the interim Port attorney and assistant Port attorney for the San Diego Unified Port District. Here she was a key adviser on the Port's efforts to remove the South Bay Power Plant from the San Diego Bay waterfront. As assistant general counsel to the San Diego County Water Authority, she worked on a number of innovative water supply and diversification strategies, including finalizing issues concerning the lining of the All American Canal. Brewer began her public service career in Solana Beach, first as deputy city attorney and eventually as city attorney, where she helped resolve issues related to moving the railroad tracks below street level, a project which improved safety and helped revitalize this small coastal city. In addition to working for public agencies, Brewer was in private practice representing municipalities, special districts and nonprofit organizations. Brewer is a member of the League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee and has twice been president of the City Attorneys Association of San Diego County. A passionate advocate for people with spinal cord injuries, Brewer serves on the advisory board of the Southern California Chapter of United Spinal Association, is a Christopher Reeve Foundation certified peer mentor and a member of the UCSD satellite fundraising team for the "Swim With Mike" scholarship fund for physically challenged athletes. Brewer currently lives in Cardiff with her teen age daughter and is writing her first book, an inspirational account of her son's triumph over a life changing injury.



**Thomas B. Brown**

Mr. Brown is a partner of the firm and the City Attorney for the City of St. Helena. He served for 12 years as the City Attorney for the City of Napa, prior to which he served as Senior Deputy City Attorney for the City of Berkeley. Mr. Brown represents both public agency and private clients. His practice focuses on all aspects of municipal law. He has extensive experience advising clients and litigating in land use, zoning and planning, the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), real property entitlements, police power, charter cities, municipal taxation, Brown Act, Public Records Act, code enforcement, intergovernmental relations, grand juries, elections, initiatives, and referenda. Mr. Brown was a visiting professor at Sonoma State University where he taught "California Land Use Law." He is a past President of the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities.

**Walter C. Chung**

Mr. Chung is a Lead Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego. Mr. Chung has handled complex litigation cases for the City of San Diego, both at the trial and appellate levels. Beginning in 2006, when Mr. Chung first started working for the City of San Diego, he has handled all of their pension related litigation. The City has prevailed on nearly all of the pension litigation. Due to the City's success in the pension cases, 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. Mr. Chung also serves on the League's Legal Advocacy Committee.

**Michael Conneran**

Michael N. Conneran is a partner in the San Francisco law firm Hanson Bridgett LLP. He specializes in the representation of public agencies in a variety of matters involving transportation, real estate and environmental law. Michael serves as General Counsel for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, and the Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Agency. He negotiated some of the first agreements with ridesharing firms on behalf of transit agencies. He has also assisted in forming non-profit corporations to operate employer-funded shuttle programs. Michael led the legal effort for the acquisition of real property required for the extension of the BART system to the San Francisco International Airport. Michael received his A.B. degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law where he was Note Editor of the Hastings Law Journal.



### **Jeffrey Dunn**

Jeffrey V. Dunn represents cities and other public agencies in complex litigation matters. He has been recognized by one of California Lawyer magazine Attorneys of the Year for 2014, the Daily Journal's Top 20 Municipal Attorneys in 2013 and Top 25 Municipal Attorneys in 2011. He was also recognized as one of California's Top 100 Attorneys by the Daily Journal in 2013 and 2016. Jeff gained national recognition for his successful representation in one of the most controversial issues facing California cities and counties — municipal regulation of marijuana distribution facilities. He was trial and appellate counsel in key published decisions affirming local government's authority to protect public safety and local land use authority, including the unanimous decision by the California Supreme Court in *City of Riverside v. Inland Empire Patients' Health and Wellness Center* (2013) 56 Cal.App.4th 729. He discussed this subject on the NBC Nightly News, in the Washington Post and in other national and local television, radio and print media.



### **Catherine C. Engberg**

CATHERINE C. ENGBERG Catherine Engberg joined Shute, Mihaly, & Weinberger in 2002 after completing a clerkship with the Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. Ms. Engberg is a partner at the firm. Her practice includes municipal law, CEQA compliance and litigation, local initiatives and referendums, eminent domain, real estate transactions, and general plan and zoning law. Ms. Engberg has served as acting City Attorney to both the City of Orinda and City of Saratoga, assisting City staff and officials with a wide array of legal matters. She regularly advises clients regarding open meeting laws, conflicts of interest, and public records. Ms. Engberg has litigation experience in both state and federal court regarding constitutional, CEQA, land use, and election law matters. She has advised several public agencies in connection with updates to their general plans, housing elements and related CEQA documentation. Ms. Engberg routinely represents community groups in administrative proceedings and CEQA litigation over major infrastructure and residential projects. Ms. Engberg is a member of the firm's initiative and referendum committee. She has drafted numerous ballot measures on behalf of community groups, including two countywide initiatives to ban fracking. Ms. Engberg recently authored an amicus brief on behalf of the Colorado PTA in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in the case *Kerr v. Hickenlooper*, in support of plaintiffs' challenge the voter-enacted Colorado Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Ms. Engberg also advises cities with respect to the processing of local initiatives, referenda, and recall campaigns. Ms. Engberg represents the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency with respect to right of way acquisition related to the Natomas Levee Improvement Program. She has extensive trial and appellate litigation experience in right of way and eminent domain matters. Ms. Engberg has published in the *Stanford Law Review* and the *Stanford Environmental Law Journal* on topics of ranging from citizen initiatives to legal issues regarding the decommissioning of dams. She has led CEQA, open government, and election law workshops sponsored by the Planning and Conservation League, Sierra Club and Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks. Ms. Engberg routinely presents on land use and housing issues. In November 2016, Ms. Engberg presented to the Livable Communities Advisory Team, AARP, on the topic of "CEQA Pros and Cons" and engaged in a discussion of challenges that restrict affordable housing production. In the fall of 2014, Ms. Engberg spoke at the Southern California County Counsels' Association Meeting on a panel entitled "Fracking: Discussion of Legal Issues Facing Local Governments." Ms. Engberg received her law degree, with distinction, from Stanford Law School in 2001 and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1995. Prior to attending law school, she worked as an environmental engineer and is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer. In her spare time, Ms. Engberg serves on the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council, which provides recommendations on planning, design review and land use issues in her local community.

**Clare M. Gibson**

Clare M. Gibson is a partner at Jarvis Fay Doporto & Gibson, LLP, an Oakland-based law firm dedicated to local government law. She received her law degree from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). Clare has devoted most of her career to advising cities and other public agencies throughout California on public contracts, bidding and construction law and is a leading practitioner in this area. She actively supports the League's mission by submitting amicus curiae briefs on behalf of the League, and also by assisting with analysis of and responses to pending or proposed legislation affecting public contracts.

**Ginetta Giovinco**

Ginetta is a shareholder in the Litigation and Coastal Law Departments at Richards, Watson & Gershon, APC. Ginetta specializes in land use, including both advisory work and litigation, with an emphasis on matters involving the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Coastal Act. Ginetta has obtained several published appellate court decision victories. Ginetta also has experience litigating in a wide variety of other contexts on behalf of public agencies, and has handled lawsuits involving breach of contract claims, civil rights claims, mobilehome park conversions, quiet title actions, and public finance validation matters. She also regularly advises public agencies on CEQA compliance in connection with the processing of initial studies, negative declarations, and environmental impact reports



**Margarita Gutierrez**

I counsel City Departments on technology related matters primarily focused on the licensing and acquisition of cloud service contracts. I have negotiated the City's agreements with major technology vendors and their reseller partners including Microsoft, AT&T, ESRI, and Adobe. Before becoming an advice attorney on the City's Energy and Telecom Team, I was a trial lawyer with the City for over a decade. Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, I worked at Morrison and Foerster in San Francisco for one year. I received my J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 1993 and my B.A in Religious Studies from Brown University in December 1987.

**Kevin Heneghan**

Kevin Heneghan is a Senior Policy Counsel at Airbnb, Inc. where he supports the company's Policy and Communications teams. Kevin provides advice on various regulatory, legislative, and policy issues, analyzes legislation and legal risks, and represents Airbnb in discussions with legislators and regulators regarding proposed and existing regulations affecting Airbnb. Prior to joining Airbnb, Kevin was a Partner at Hanson Bridgett LLP where he advised business entities, candidates, elected officials, labor unions, trade associations, and independent expenditure committees on a wide range of campaign finance, lobbying and governmental ethics law issues. Kevin has served as campaign counsel for candidates for statewide office, several State Legislators, and numerous elected officials in San Francisco. In addition, he has advised clients involved in initiatives and referenda at the state and local level, and represented clients in enforcement actions before the Fair Political Practices Commission and the San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego Ethics Commissions. Kevin received his B.A., with honors, from La Salle University, and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

**Daniel S. Hentschke**

Dan Hentschke has been a member of the City Attorney's Department for almost 4 decades. He served as a Deputy City Attorney for San Diego under John Witt, Assistant City Attorney for Carlsbad under Vince Biondo, as contract City Attorney for the Cities of Oceanside, Solana Beach, and San Marcos, while also providing special counsel services to numerous other cities and special districts. He also served for many years as the General Counsel for the San Diego County Water Authority. Dan was a President of the City Attorney's Department and has been a frequent contributor to the Leagues on-going activities on behalf of its members throughout California.



**Whitman F. Manley**

Whit Manley is an attorney at Remy Moose Manley LLP, a Sacramento-based law firm focusing on the California Environmental Quality Act and other state and federal laws related to land use and the environment.



**Stephen A. McEwen**

Stephen A. McEwen is a partner with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP. Mr. McEwen currently serves as the City Attorney for the City of Buellton. He is also Assistant City Attorney for the cities of Hemet and Atascadero.

**Rebecca L. Moon**

Rebecca Moon, a Senior Assistant City Attorney with the City of Sunnyvale, graduated from Hastings Law School in 1993 and started her career doing civil litigation at an insurance defense firm in the City of San Jose. Ms. Moon joined the City of Sunnyvale in 2001 and over the years has had the opportunity to experience most aspects of municipal law including land use and planning, public safety, code enforcement, risk management, human resources, parks and recreation, and claims and litigation.



**Javan N. 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 has previously served as President of the City Attorney's Association of Los Angeles County, and is currently 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.



## **Liane Randolph**

California Public Utilities Commissioner Liane Randolph Professional bio October 2016 Commissioner Liane Randolph was appointed to the CPUC by Governor Jerry Brown in January 2015. She formerly served as Deputy Secretary and General Counsel at the California Natural Resources Agency and was appointed to that position by Governor Brown in May 2011. Commissioner Randolph is an expert in government and administrative law. She was formerly an attorney at the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. Commissioner Randolph served as Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) from 2003 to 2007. As Chair of the FPPC, Commissioner Randolph managed a staff of 70 in the implementation and enforcement of California's Political Reform Act. Prior to her service at the FPPC, Commissioner Randolph practiced municipal law and previously served as City Attorney for the Cities of San Leandro and Suisun City on a contract basis. Commissioner Randolph obtained her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she also earned a B.A. in History. At the CPUC, Commissioner Randolph is presently assigned to 73 proceedings spanning the electricity, gas, telecommunications, and water industries, including the Integrated Resource Plan proceeding established per Senate Bill 350. Her interests and portfolio at the CPUC generally focus on planning, infrastructure and governance.



## **Ann Ravel**

Ann M. Ravel was nominated to the Federal Election Commission by President Barack Obama on June 21, 2013. After her appointment received the unanimous consent of the United States Senate, Ms. Ravel joined the Commission on October 25, 2013. She served as Chair of the Commission for 2015 and Vice Chair for 2014 before leaving in 2017. Previously, Ms. Ravel served as Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), to which Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed her. At the FPPC, Ms. Ravel oversaw the regulation of campaign finance, lobbyist registration and reporting, and ethics and conflicts of interest related to officeholders and public employees. During her tenure at the FPPC, Ms. Ravel was instrumental in the creation of the States' Unified Network (SUN) Center, a web-based center for sharing information on campaign finance. Before joining the FPPC, Ms. Ravel served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Torts and Consumer Litigation in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. Ms. Ravel also worked as an attorney in the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office, ultimately serving as the appointed County Counsel from 1998 until 2009. Ms. Ravel represented the County and its elected officials, provided advice on the state Political Reform Act, and initiated groundbreaking programs in elder abuse litigation, educational rights, and consumer litigation on behalf of the Santa Clara County government and the community. Ms. Ravel has served as an elected Governor on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California, a member of the Judicial Council of the State of California, and Chair of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation. In 2014, she was named a California Attorney of the Year by California Lawyer magazine for her work in Government law, and in 2007, the State Bar of California named Ms. Ravel Public Attorney of the Year for her contributions to public service. Ms. Ravel received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Ms. Ravel is the daughter of a Latin American immigrant mother and an American father. She was raised in Latin America before her family settled in the San Francisco Bay area, which she considers home.

**Rachel Richman**

Ms. Richman is a partner with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP who joined the firm in 2000 and has focused her legal practice on the representation of cities and public entities. Ms. Richman is the City Attorney for the City of Rosemead; Assistant City Attorney for the City of Alhambra, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Santa Clarita and is the legal counsel to the Santa Clarita Mobile Home Rent Adjustment Appeal Board. She is also the former City Attorney to the City of Arvin in Kern County.

**Michael Rodriquez**

Michael F. Rodriquez has been a municipal lawyer since 1998, and City Attorney for the City of Gonzales and the City of Soledad for over 20 years. He received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). Mike's general municipal practice includes specialization in the areas of labor and employment law and land use.

**Rosa M. Sánchez**

Rosa M. Sánchez is a deputy city attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, assigned to the Construction and Public Contracting Team. She counsels various City departments on technology (traditional software), on-line hosted (software as a service) and professional services procurements and negotiates such contracts on behalf of City departments. Before becoming a transactional attorney, she was an advice attorney to the City's public protection departments. She received her J.D. from Loyola University, Chicago, School of Law, and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Stacey N. Sheston**

Stacey N. Sheston is a partner in the Labor & Employment practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP. She is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Prior to joining BB&K, she was a shareholder, practice group leader and chief talent officer on the management committee of McDonough Holland & Allen in Sacramento. Stacey's practice includes day-to-day employment advice, such as dealing with problem employees (including discipline and terminations), handling harassment complaints and investigations, responding to requests for disability accommodations, addressing wage and hour and leave of absence questions, responding to grievances and unfair practice charges, and drafting employment agreements, handbooks and policies. On the litigation side, Stacey represents employers in mediations, arbitrations, administrative hearings and court proceedings (including jury and non-jury trials) arising out of employment matters, including wrongful termination, breach of contract, unpaid wages, harassment, discrimination and retaliation. Stacey is a member of the State Bar of California, the Employee Relations Policy Committee of the League of California Cities, the Sacramento County Bar Association Labor & Employment Section, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, and the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association. She is also former editorial chair of, and contributor to, the Personnel Chapter of the Municipal Law Handbook (CEB 2010). From 2012 to 2015, Stacey was named by her peers as a Northern California Super Lawyer for employment and labor law. She is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Central & Eastern districts of California and the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. She is licensed to practice in the State of California. Education • University of California, Davis, J.D. • Drake University, B.A., cum laude

**David Snow**

David Snow, AICP, is a shareholder in the Public Law Department at the law firm of Richards|Watson|Gershon. Dave specializes in advising public agencies on CEQA and land use matters. Dave joined RW&G in 2001 with over 10 years of local government experience including serving as the Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes while attending Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. Currently he serves as the City Attorney for the City of Yucaipa, Assistant City Attorney in Beverly Hills, and special counsel to many other public agencies throughout California. Dave is a member of the American Planning Association California Chapter's Amicus Committee, and previously served two terms as APA California's Vice President of Policy and Legislation.



### **Suzanne Solomon**

Suzanne Solomon is an experienced trial lawyer who has represented public entities, private companies and individuals in a wide range of employment disputes for over 20 years. At Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Suzanne's litigation practice focuses on defense of single- and multi-plaintiff employment claims for discrimination, retaliation, harassment, violation of wage and hour laws, due process, First Amendment retaliation, and numerous other tort and statutory employment law claims. Suzanne has tried cases before judges and juries in both state and federal courts. She also has extensive experience representing law enforcement agencies, including winning summary judgment of discrimination claims made against Police Departments and command staff. Suzanne has also handled appellate matters in state and federal courts, including a case of first impression in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the criteria courts may use in deciding whether to grant interlocutory review of class certification decisions. Suzanne regularly advises governmental agencies on all aspects of employment law, including employee discipline, leave laws, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and investigating and responding to discrimination complaints. Her practice has included developing and presenting management training on such subjects as due process, reasonable accommodation, privacy, and prevention of discrimination.



**Andrea S. Visveshwara**

Andrea Visveshwara currently serves as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Emeryville. She began her career as a municipal lawyer in the public law section of McDonough, Holland & Allen, PC, and then served as an assistant city attorney for the cities of San Luis Obispo and Petaluma. Prior to her career as a municipal attorney, she represented plaintiffs in civil rights cases at small firms in Washington, D.C., and Mill Valley, CA.



**Jack Woodside**

Undergraduate study at University of California at Berkeley Graduated from McGeorge School of Law in 1997  
Associate at Porter Scott Deputy Attorney General in Government Law Section from 2001-2012 Senior  
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