



Youstina N. Aziz, Richards, Watson & Gershon

Youstina advises and guides cities through the transition from at-large to district-based elections. She has assisted the cities of Buena Park, Yucaipa, Rancho Cucamonga, Jurupa Valley, Temecula, and Indio through this process. She has also defended cities, including the cities of Highland and Rancho Cucamonga, in lawsuits arising under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Youstina represents cities in constitutional and civil rights issues, tort liability litigation, and code enforcement matters. She obtained a dismissal of an action filed against the City of South Pasadena that alleged civil rights violations relating to a City code enforcement action. She assisted the City of Temecula in obtaining a summary judgment in a tort liability action that alleged dangerous condition of public property based on street lighting configuration.



Robert C. Ceccon, Richards, Watson & Gershon

Bob Ceccon is Chairman of the Litigation Department at Richards, Watson & Gershon. Bob has tried more than 25 lawsuits, and has arbitrated dozens more. Mr. Ceccon's primary area of practice involves representing governmental entities in litigation including: Barstow, Beverly Hills, Brea, Buena Park, Calimesa, Carson, Foothill Transit, Hesperia, Lynwood, Malibu, Palmdale, Pasadena, Rancho Cucamonga, Redondo Beach, Rialto, Stanton, Temecula, Upland, West Hollywood and the County of Ventura. He represents governmental entities in lawsuits involving a variety of claims including dangerous conditions of public property, civil rights, personal injury, inverse condemnation, construction defects, police liability, and employment. The following is a sampling of the cases Bob has tried: *Fishback v. County of Ventura*. Bob represented the County of Ventura as lead trial counsel in this significant environmental protection case involving illegal dumping of 8,000 truckloads of unpermitted construction debris. Bob obtained judgment in favor of the county ordering defendants to clean up all unpermitted fill material, and to pay \$21.7 million in statutory penalties to the county. *Alvis v. County of Ventura*. Bob represented the County of Ventura as a lead trial counsel in defense against two lawsuits brought by over 80 plaintiffs in connection with the 2005 landslide in La Conchita, California that resulted in 10 deaths and destruction of 16 homes. Bob prevailed against damage claims based on theories of dangerous condition of public property, wrongful death, nuisance, and inverse condemnation resulting from alleged negligence in approving plans for a retaining wall intended to protect against such a landslide. *Dunex, Inc. v. City of Oceanside*. Bob represented the City of Oceanside as lead trial counsel in connection with an inverse condemnation lawsuit alleging that the city's mobile home rent control ordinance resulted in a taking that caused at least \$30 million in damages. The Court ruled in favor of the city, holding the plaintiff could not prove a claim because it had made a reasonable return on investment for the plaintiff. *Collender v. City of Brea*. Bob represented the City of Brea and its police officer as lead trial counsel in connection with an officer involved fatal shooting of an unarmed man. The decedent was reaching towards his pocket when the officer attempted to arrest him. The shooting was captured on video. Plaintiffs claimed that the city defendants used excessive force. The jury deliberated for less than a day and found in favor of defendants.



Timothy T. Coates, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland

Tim Coates is a partner at the appellate firm of Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP in Los Angeles, and over the past 34 years he has briefed and argued more than 250 matters in the state and federal appellate courts, including successfully arguing five cases in the United States Supreme Court, and obtaining a per curiam reversal in a sixth case. Tim's Supreme Court victories have addressed absolute and qualified immunity (*Van de Kamp v. Goldstein*, 555 U.S. 335 (2009)), *Messerschmidt v. Millender*, 565 U.S. 535 (2012), *Stanton v. Sims*, 571 U.S. ___, 134 S.Ct. 3 (2013)), Monell liability (*Los Angeles County v. Humphries*, 562 U.S. 29 (2010)) and warrantless arrests (*County of Riverside v. McLaughlin*, 500 U.S. 44 (1991)). He has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer in the area of appellate practice from 2007-2018, and has also been named in *The Best Lawyers In America (Appellate Law)* (2014-2018). The *Los Angeles Daily Journal* has repeatedly recognized Tim as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California, he has received a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year award for his United States Supreme Court work, and Reuters News Service named him one of the "Top Petitioners" in the United States Supreme Court. Tim lectures widely on issues related to appellate practice, as well as section 1983 liability. He is also co-author of the chapter on federal civil rights liability in the CEB publication *California Government Tort Liability Practice*.



Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney, Auburn and Grass Valley

("CALL - an - TOO - no") Michael G. Colantuono is a shareholder in Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, a municipal law firm with offices in Pasadena and Grass Valley. Chief Justice Ronald M. George presented him with the 2010 Public Lawyer of the Year award on behalf of the California State Bar Association. The Los Angeles Daily Journal named him one of "California's Top Municipal Lawyers" every year since its list began in 2011. The Supreme Court appointed him the first Chair of the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California; he was previously President of the Bar. The State Bar has certified him as an Appellate Specialist and he is a member of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a prestigious association of fewer than 100 of California's most distinguished appellate advocates. Michael is one of California's leading experts on municipal revenues and has appeared in all six Courts of Appeal in California. In addition, he has argued seven public finance cases in the California Supreme Court since 2004 and helped brief two others. He will argue another in the coming year. Michael is City Attorney of Auburn and Grass Valley and general counsel of a number of LAFCOs and special districts. He serves as special counsel to counties, cities and special districts around California. Michael served as President of the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities in 2003–2004 and established its first Ethics Committee. He served on the Commission on Local Governance in the 21st Century, the recommendations of which led to substantial revisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act. Michael is General Counsel of the Calaveras and San Diego LAFCOs and serves as outside counsel to the Nevada, Orange, and Yolo County LAFCOs. Michael graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College with a degree in Government and received his law degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law of the University of California at Berkeley.



Susan E. Coleman, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

Susan Coleman is a Partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP with over 23 years litigation experience in civil rights and employment law. Ms. Coleman has defended law enforcement officers, officials, and government entities in over 45 civil jury trials in federal and state courts throughout California. She is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Before going into private practice, Ms. Coleman worked for the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.



Tim Cromartie, Senior Advisor, HdL Companies

Tim Cromartie has been a Senior Advisor on Cannabis Policy to HdL Companies since February 2018. Prior to that he spent 5 years as the Public Safety Representative for the League of California Cities, during which time he helped craft the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act of 2015, and advocated for the maintenance of local control as well as the integrity of the overall regulatory system as California transitioned from a medical-only structure to one embracing cannabis for both medical and adult use. Prior to his time at the League, Tim held various positions in the Legislature, serving twice as a chief of staff, and was a legislative representative for CalPERS Governmental Affairs for two years.



Jeffrey V. Dunn, Best Best & Krieger

Jeffrey V. Dunn is a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP. He is legal counsel to public agencies in complex litigation matters. He was selected as one of California Lawyer magazine's 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. He has 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.



Mara W. Elliott, City Attorney, San Diego

Mara W. Elliott was elected San Diego City Attorney in 2016 after serving as a Chief Deputy City Attorney and legal adviser to the City's Independent Audit Committee and Environment Committee. The first in her family to graduate from college, Mara worked her way through the University of California at Santa Barbara and McGeorge School of Law. Prior to joining the city, she was a Senior Deputy County Counsel, Deputy General Counsel to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, and general counsel to K-12 and community college districts. Mara's priorities include cracking down on domestic violence and elder abuse, holding polluters accountable, and consumer protection. Mara is the City of San Diego's first female City Attorney.



Deborah J. Fox, Principal and Chair of First Amendment Practice

Deborah Fox is the Chair of Meyers Nave's statewide First Amendment and Trial and Litigation Practice Groups. She is one of California's foremost experts on First Amendment issues affecting the public sector, with a specialty focus on cases involving the convergence of First Amendment, land use, and zoning laws and regulations. Deborah has handled a broad range of First Amendment litigation on matters that attract intense media attention, including vending and solicitation/panhandling ordinances, newsrack restrictions, billboard and sign ordinances, public forum issues, parade and park regulations, adult use regulations, and matters relating to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. Deborah is particularly skilled at advising on the development of constitutionally sound time, place and manner restrictions, and defending litigation challenging these types of rules and regulations. Deborah recently authored an amicus brief on behalf of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the American Planning Association California Chapter in the high-profile *Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC v. City of Los Angeles* First Amendment related billboard case. In a landmark opinion in June 2016, the Second Appellate District upheld the ability of California cities and counties to continue using the onsite/offsite and commercial/noncommercial distinctions as a regulatory tool in their sign codes. Deborah is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. She is named among Martindale-Hubbell's list of "Top Rated Lawyers in Land Use and Zoning," "Register of Top Rated Lawyers: Women Leaders in the Law," "Register of Preeminent Lawyers," and inaugural "Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers." Deborah has also been named, twice, as one of California's "Top Women Litigators" by the Daily Journal.



Karen A. Getman, Remcho, Johansen & Purcell

Karen Getman is a partner at Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP, a law firm specializing in all aspects of political law, including federal, state and local laws regulating elections and campaigns. She served as Chairman of the California Fair Political Practices Commission from 1999-2003, and co-taught the course on Regulating Public Integrity at U.C. Berkeley Law School from 2004-2011. She has lectured on campaign finance laws at the Stanford Director's College and previous League of California Cities programs, and recently testified at the Federal Election Commission hearing on the McCutcheon v. FEC proposed rulemaking. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, and received her B.A. from Yale College.



James C. Harrison, Remcho, Johansen & Purcell

James has practiced law at Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP, one of California's premier election and government law firms, for more than 20 years. He is widely recognized as one of the state's leading experts on the drafting and defense of complex ballot measures at both the state and local level. He also has expertise in complex conflict of interest matters, election law, and campaign finance issues of all types, and the laws governing public agencies and non-profits. James' litigation experience includes representing clients in state and federal trials and in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and various California courts of appeal. James's ballot measure practice has included numerous pre- and post-election challenges, including the successful defense of Governor Brown's criminal justice reform measure, Proposition 57 (Brown v. Superior Court, 63 Cal.4th 335 (2016)), in the first-ever challenge to newly enacted legislation allowing amendments of qualified ballot measures prior to their submission to the voters. He was involved in drafting and then successfully defending through trial and appeals Proposition 71, which established the first-ever state stem cell agency (California Family Bioethics Council v. California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, 147 Cal.App.4th 1319 (2007)) and Proposition 10, the tobacco tax that funds a state and regional system of early childhood education (California Assoc. of Retail Tobacconists v. State, 109 Cal.App.4th 792 (2003)). He was trial and appellate counsel in the successful federal court challenge to Proposition 208, a statewide campaign finance measure (California ProLife Council Political Action Committee v. Scully, 164 F.3d 1189 (9th Cir. 1999)) and successfully challenged Proposition 213 regarding auto insurance (Horwich v. Superior Court, 21 Cal.4th 272 (1999)). He has also been instrumental in the drafting of Proposition 26 (2000), Proposition 82 (2006), Proposition 87 (2006), and Proposition 47 (2014). At the local level, James has provided drafting and litigation assistance on ballot measures in the cities of Sacramento, Malibu, Apple Valley, Alameda, Pleasanton, and Mountain View, among others. James' litigation practice includes representing governmental bodies and officials in a wide variety of cases. For example, he represented the California Legislature in litigation involving the census, redistricting, and the scope of the Governor's line-item veto authority; the State Controller in actions relating to the authority of retirement boards and the Unclaimed Property Law; and Governor Gray Davis in litigation challenging the statewide recall process. On election matters, James has been involved in litigation at every stage of the process. He successfully sought judicial relief to compel the counting of late-delivered ballots in Riverside County and represented Alameda County in litigation challenging its ballot counting methods. He has represented candidates in election contests and ballot designation challenges, and succeeded in a federal court challenge to an FPPC enforcement action that threatened to bankrupt a candidate in the middle of her re-election campaign. James has litigated all aspects of ballot pamphlet challenges at the local and state level. James is a trusted advisor to government agencies, candidates, committees, and non-profit organizations. He served as interim General Counsel for the California First 5 Commission (1999), and as Board Counsel (2004-2014) and General Counsel (2014-2017) for the



California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. James currently serves as outside counsel to the Consumer Attorneys of California, the American Civil Liberties Union, Alameda County First 5, and the California First 5 Association, and numerous ballot measure committees, among others. James is well known for his expertise in complex conflict of interest questions, and has advised many government officials and agencies, and their outside consultants, on their obligations under the Political Reform Act and Government Code 1090. He also represents individuals and entities in enforcement matters before the Fair Political Practices Commission and local ethics agencies. James was admitted to the California Bar in 1992. He is a graduate of Duke University (B.A., cum laude, 1988) and the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D., 1992). Prior to joining Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, Mr. Harrison was a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster for four years.



Stephanie O. Hastings, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Scheck

Stephanie Hastings is a Shareholder with Brownstein Hyatt Faber Schreck LLP. She has played a leading role in several of California's most complex and precedent-setting water matters. With 20 years of specialized expertise in water law, her practice spans every aspect of California and national water law. Stephanie helps clients acquire, develop, monetize and protect water supply assets and infrastructure. She provides special counsel to numerous municipalities on matters including water right and water quality permitting requirements associated with the development and delivery of recycled water, water right and infrastructure permitting, groundwater management, water rights litigation, reorganization of water and wastewater enterprises, and environmental compliance. Stephanie is a regular presenter on water matters and is the co-founder of the California H2O Women Conference which brings together women in the water industry to collaborate, educate and support each other with the goal of empowering women to change the way we manage California's and the world's most important resource. Recognition for Stephanie includes Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA. A longtime leader in the water community, Stephanie is a director of The Aquaya Institute, a nonprofit research and consulting organization dedicated to advancing public health by improving drinking water worldwide.



Jonathan V. Holtzman, Renne Public Law Group

Jonathan Holtzman is a founding partner of Renne Public Law Group, and was previously a founding partner of Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP. Since 2005 and every year since, Mr. Holtzman has been named a "Northern California Super Lawyer." He frequently speaks and writes on matters pertaining to municipal bankruptcy, ballot initiatives, interest arbitration, bargaining, fact finding, comparability, fiscal analysis for bargaining, and pension and retirement medical programs. Mr. Holtzman's practice focuses on assisting government agencies maintain and expand public services through strategic consulting, negotiations, fact finding, arbitration and litigation. Mr. Holtzman specializes in addressing long-term structural issues relating to pensions, health benefits, retirement health benefits, civil service reform, and other means of attaining greater managerial discretion and effectiveness through collective bargaining and reorganization. He has experience in virtually all aspects of employment law and labor relations. His labor expertise encompasses negotiations, fact finding, mediation, grievance and interest arbitration, and litigation related to bargaining obligations. Mr. Holtzman also practices government law, including general advice work, drafting ballot and other legislative measures and initiatives, litigating issues of constitutional and statutory interpretation, and electoral matters. He currently serves as District Counsel to the Moraga Orinda Fire District.



Dylan K. Johnson, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Scheck

Dylan Johnson is a senior associate at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP who specializes in representing public agencies on environmental matters. He serves as legal counsel for the City of Carpinteria and multiple special districts. His practice focuses on water quality, land use, and CEQA. He has represented public agencies as special counsel on a variety of related issues including recycled water, water rights, utility reorganization, and associated litigation.



Douglas Johnson, President, National Demographics Corporation

Dr. Douglas Johnson is President of National Demographics Corporation, better known as NDC, and he is a Fellow at the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College. Since 1979, NDC has assisted cities, counties, school districts and other California local governments with voting rights analysis, the transition between at-large and by-district election systems, and with post-Census redistricting projects. Their client list includes nearly all of the over 80 cities that have transitioned to by-district election systems following the adoption of the California Voting Rights Act, and districting and liability analysis for hundreds of other cities, school districts, water districts, and other California local governments. NDC has also aided community education and outreach efforts around the question of local governance options in Modesto, Corona, Goleta, Menifee and other jurisdictions in California. Dr. Johnson often also works as an expert witness in federal and California voting rights act-related lawsuits. As a Rose Institute Fellow, Dr. Johnson has published numerous studies on districting and redistricting; he has been a featured speaker at numerous meetings of the League of Cities, the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, the California School Board Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. He has been quoted in hundreds of news articles and has appeared as an expert commentator on CNN, Fox News, public television, public radio, and other news broadcasts.



Gail A. Karish, Best, Best & Krieger

Gail A. Karish is a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP who focuses on telecommunications, assisting clients in California across the country with a wide range of regulatory and transactional matters involving broadband and fiber networks, wireless communications facilities deployments, advanced metering infrastructure and smart city infrastructure deployments, cable and telecom franchising, and public-private partnerships. Gail also advocates before the Federal Communications Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission. Gail's clients are mainly public agencies, such as local governments, water districts and municipal utilities. Public agencies can serve a variety of roles in relation to telecommunications infrastructure – regulator, owner, service provider, customer, partner – and Gail's clients come to her for advice and guidance on issues that arise in all of these contexts.



Lauren Langer, Assistant City Attorney, West Hollywood, Hermosa Beach and Lomita

Lauren Langer is a Partner at Best, Best & Krieger, and serves as Assistant City Attorney for the Cities of West Hollywood, Hermosa Beach and Lomita. She serves on the City Attorneys' Department Cannabis Regulation Committee. For the past several years, she has been facilitating the New Lawyers Meet and Greet at the City Attorneys' Spring Conference to provide newer lawyers an opportunity to connect with one another and learn about the resources and opportunities to participate in the City Attorneys' Department.



Margaret E. Long, County Counsel, Modoc and Trinity Counties, Assistant County Counsel, Alpine and Sierra Counties

Margaret Engelhardt Long, with an eye toward providing expert legal advice and service to small and rural public agencies, formed the municipal law firm of Prentice, Long & Epperson, P.C. and is managing partner of the firm's Redding California office. Ms. Long is public agency counsel with years of experience in all matters concerning public law. She currently serves as County Counsel to Modoc and Trinity counties. In addition, Ms. Long serves as Deputy County Counsel for Lassen County regarding dependency matters and special counsel to Lake County, City of Lakeport and City of Shasta Lake. Ms. Long is also a recognized expert in advising cities and other public agencies on issues relating to employment and labor and routinely advises her clients regarding required investigations. She gains much of her knowledge from her robust litigation practice, which includes both state and federal court published decisions. She holds a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Davis, where she received the prestigious honor of becoming a member of The Order of the Barristers.



Merri Lopez-Keifer, Tribal Counsel, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians

Merri Lopez-Keifer is Luiseño and a member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. Merri graduated from U.C. Santa Barbara in three years with a degree in Law and Society with a special emphasis on criminal justice. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Boston College Law School and became a member of the California Bar in 1998. Merri started her legal career with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney where she practiced criminal law for six years, specializing in domestic violence prosecutions. For the last nineteen years, Merri has been the Chief Legal Counsel for the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. She has successfully fought for the protection and preservation of her tribe's Native American tribal cultural resources and burial grounds. Merri has also been instrumental in building meaningful relationships with local, state and federal government agencies within her tribe's traditionally and culturally affiliated territory. In her role as Chief Legal Counsel, Merri has successfully conducted hundreds of government-to-government consultations with CEQA lead agencies, local governments, state government agencies and federal government agencies. In June of 2015, Merri was appointed by Governor Brown to the Native American Heritage Commission, a nine-member, all-California Native American commission charged with the responsibility of protecting California's Native American tribal cultural resources and sacred places. On September 23, 2016, Merri was honored with a Resolution by the California Legislature for her exemplary service as a Commissioner and her diligent efforts in protecting and preserving California's tribal cultural resources. In 2017, Merri became the Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission. Merri has been a contributing panelist for many trainings and seminars on how to effectively and respectfully consult with California Native American tribes. These seminars and trainings benefited many organizations and government agencies, such as the Environmental Law Section of the California Bar Association, the American Planning Association California, the California Historic Society, the California Preservation Foundation, CLE International, the Environmental Law Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Native American Heritage Commission, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Cal Trans, and the Society for California Archaeology. In 2016, Merri was given the honor of presenting the keynote address for the 31st Annual California Indian Conference held at San Diego State University. In 2017, Merri became the first tribal representative on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Community Engagement Panel for the Decommissioning of SONGS.



James L. Markman, City Attorney, Brea, La Mirada, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland

Jim has served as City Attorney for the City of Brea since 1977, City Attorney for the City of La Mirada since 1980 and City Attorney for the City of Rancho Cucamonga since 1985. He is also the City Attorney for the City of Upland and General Counsel to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and the Central Basin Water Rights Panel. He also currently represents public agencies involved in active water negotiations and related matters in the Counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. Jim serves as the Chair of the Firm's Water Rights and Water Law Practice Group, is a member of the Firm's Public Law Department, and spent sixteen years on the Firm's Management Committee. Jim also served as Deputy Attorney General for the State of California from 1968 through 1970, where he specialized in water rights and pollution matters. While with the Attorney General's office, he handled 53 cases unassisted in the state appellate courts, including three before the California Supreme Court. Jim personally represented California Regional Quality Control Boards, and, in that capacity, instituted four of the initial cases brought under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, all related to the pollution of Monterey Bay. Jim has been accorded the highest peer rating of AV Preeminent provided by the Martindale-Hubbell nationwide legal directory. Jim is an active member of the Association of California Water Agencies and has presented papers on legal issues at its conferences. He also has made presentations at League of California Cities conferences and has served on that organization's Legal Advocacy Committee. That committee determines when the League will provide support to a city engaged in significant municipal litigation.



Robert (“Tripp”) May III, Telecom Law Firm

Robert (“Tripp”) May, Partner, specializes in telecommunications infrastructure, and represents both public agencies and private landlords in regulatory and transactional matters. Tripp advises local governments and public agencies on the scope of local authority in wireless facilities siting, on private property, public land and in the rights-of-way. He drafts and revises wireless ordinances, and counsels government staff and officials on federal and state rules for permit application processing. In addition, Tripp assists local governments develop permit applications, planner reference guides and other non-legislative materials for compliance with new federal regulations. His transactional practice focuses solely on representing landlords — both public and private. Tripp negotiates and drafts leases, licenses, easements, assignments, pole-attachment agreements, and other transfers related to wireless and other telecommunications infrastructure. He also assists landlords administer, enforce and amend existing infrastructure agreements. Tripp regularly speaks on panel discussions for governments, planning associations, wireless associations and at wireless facility conferences. He also writes articles on the subject for newspapers, trade press and other publications. He devotes significant pro bono efforts to represent public agencies in federal wireless proceedings. This year, he co-authored the amicus curie brief in *Montgomery County v. FCC* on behalf of the League of California Cities et al. In 2014, Tripp was recognized by the States of California and Nevada, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN NATOA) as its Member of the Year for his outstanding pro bono federal advocacy on behalf of California local governments in Federal Communications Commission rulemaking proceedings. Mr. May is admitted to practice by the State Bar of California.



David Mehretu, Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson

David Mehretu is Of Counsel at Meyers Nave and a member of the Trial and Litigation Practice Group. He has comprehensive experience in all phases of litigation in federal and state court, as well as administrative proceedings and alternative dispute resolution, with an emphasis on complex, high-stakes and precedent-setting matters. For public entities, including cities, counties and special districts, David handles civil rights, First Amendment, land use, public records, peace officer defense, and environmental litigation and appeals. He also has broad experience in commercial litigation matters involving class actions, intellectual property, real estate, and business fraud and unfair competition. Examples of David's recent work include: (1) prevailing on a dispositive pleadings motion on behalf of a City and eight police and fire department personnel in a federal civil rights lawsuit regarding a triple murder conviction and subsequent 18-year incarceration of the plaintiff (Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court's dismissal of the case prior to any discovery), (2) representing five public entities against two large municipalities in a multi-phased administrative proceeding over a complex contractual dispute concerning a contested \$2 billion capital improvement program for a wastewater treatment facility and (3) representing a City in a contractual dispute concerning a major water distribution public works project. David received his J.D. from New York University School of Law and earned his B.A. from New York University. He clerked for the Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong, U.S. District Judge in the Northern District of California, and served as a post-doctoral legal fellow at the Institute for Policy Integrity.



Congressman Scott Peters, 52nd Congressional District

Congressman Scott Peters serves California's 52nd Congressional District, which includes the cities of Coronado, Poway and most of northern San Diego. First elected in 2012, Scott has worked across the aisle to fix a broken Congress and stand up for San Diego's military and veterans community. Scott Peters currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he advocates for investment in basic scientific research, supports the military's goals to enhance their energy security, and fights for commonsense healthcare reforms that work for families and small business owners. He also serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where he advocates for improving the quality of care at VA medical centers, increasing collaboration in the federal government to end veterans homelessness, and encouraging the hiring of veterans for military construction projects. Scott Peters is a civic leader who has made improving the quality of life in San Diego his life's work. After a 15-year career as an environmental lawyer, Scott was elected to the San Diego City Council, where he later became the City's first City Council President. On the Council, Scott helped lead the \$2 billion redevelopment of downtown San Diego, the cleanup of the city's beaches and bays, and the completion of a number of major infrastructure projects. He also pursued greater accountability and efficiency in government through the creation of a new Council/Mayor form of government with an independent budget review function. In 2001, the governor appointed Scott to the Commission on Tax Policy in the New Economy, and in 2002, the Speaker of the Assembly appointed Scott to the California Coastal Commission. Scott also later served as chairman of the San Diego Unified Port District – a major economic engine that supports over 40,000 high-skill, high-wage jobs for San Diegans, with \$3.3 billion in direct regional economic impact. Scott earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and worked as an economist for the United States Environmental Protection Agency before attending New York University School of Law. He and his wife of 29 years reside in the La Jolla neighborhood of San Diego, California, where they raised their son and daughter. During his time in Congress, Scott has passed legislation to give the military the advanced technology it needs to fight terrorism and level the playing field for small businesses competing for government contracts, and has succeeded in getting the federal government to make changes to the homelessness funding formula that disadvantages San Diego. Ranked the 4th most independent Democrat in Congress by the National Journal, Scott Peters understands that business problems have bipartisan solutions, and is never afraid to work across party lines to build consensus and get things done.



David A. Prentice, City Attorney, Inyo, County Counsel, Alpine and Sierra Counties

David A. Prentice (Dave) is a public law attorney with 30 years of experience. He graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with distinction earning the Order of the Coif. He has been appointed as County Counsel to four counties, currently County Counsel for both Sierra and Alpine counties. Dave has also served as a city attorney to three cities, currently for the City of Inyo. He is a member of the Association of Workplace Investigators and an accomplished litigator (several published decisions) in matters of public employment and routinely advises clients regarding in-house investigations. Mr. Prentice founded Prentice, Long and Epperson along with Margaret Long and Jason Epperson for the sole purpose of providing expert personal legal advice and training to small and rural public agencies. Dave is known for his training skills which he developed as an adjunct professor. Currently, he and his partner Margaret Long provide trainings for many agencies and have authored many publications including An Introduction to Public Employment and Investigations and Walking Through the Disciplinary Process.



Margaret R. Prinzing, Remcho, Johansen & Purcell

Margaret R. Prinzing is a partner with Remcho Johansen & Purcell LLP who focuses on litigation involving government law, constitutional law, and public policy issues. She has defended the Governor and Director of Finance from a challenge to the State's use of its share of funds from the National Mortgage Settlement (*National Asian American Coalition v. Brown*, Sac. County Super. Ct., No. 34-2014-80001784) (pending on appeal); represented the California Department of Education and Board of Education in litigation addressing the State's role in providing students an equal education (*Cruz v. State of California*, Alameda County Super. Ct., No. RG14727139 (2015)); and defended the State Controller from a series of lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of California's Unclaimed Property program. *Taylor v. Yee*, 780 F.3d 928 (9th Cir. 2015) & *Suever v. Chiang*, No. 10-17172, 2012 WL 2190735 (9th Cir. 2012). In addition, Ms. Prinzing has expertise in the California budget process and state fiscal issues. Representative matters include representing nineteen counties in a challenge to a State directive that shifted financial responsibility for certain mental health services to the counties (*County of Colusa v. Douglas*, 227 Cal. App. 4th 1123 (2014)), and filing an amicus curiae brief in support of the State's efforts to restructure California's redevelopment agencies. *California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos*, 53 Cal. 4th 231 (2011). Other notable cases include defending the constitutionality of the City of Mountain View's voter-approved rent control measure (*California Apartment Association v. City of Mountain View*, Santa Clara Super. Ct., No.: 16-CV-304253 (2017)); and defending the City of Watsonville's practice of allowing a departing council member to participate in the vote to appoint his successor. *Martinez v. City of Watsonville*, Cal. Ct. App., No. H038230 (2014). Ms. Prinzing also specializes in election law. She recently helped draft Proposition 63 (2016), which strengthened California's gun safety laws; Proposition 47 (2014), which requires misdemeanor rather than felony sentences for certain nonviolent offenses; and Measure D, the first voter-approved measure to tax the distribution of sugary beverages. (Berkeley, 2014). She advises government agencies, ballot measure committees, and candidates on election procedures, engaging in political communications, and candidates' ballot designations. She represents her clients in litigation as necessary, including winning emergency relief in the California Supreme Court to ensure that Proposition 57 appeared on the 2016 ballot (*Brown v. Superior Court*, 63 Cal. 4th 335 (2016)); and ensuring that Congressional candidate José Hernandez's was able to use his chosen ballot designation in the 2012 election. *Dillman v. Bowen*, Sac. County Super. Ct., No. 34-2012-80001093 (2012). In addition, Ms. Prinzing advises officials, interested persons, and officeholders on government law matters including conflicts of interest, the separation of powers, statutory interpretation, and administrative law. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Prinzing was an associate with Bingham McCutchen where she specialized in civil and appellate litigation. From 1993 to 1997, she worked as a legislative assistant to U.S. Congressmen Martin Olav Sabo and Frank McCloskey, focusing on health care, welfare, and education matters. She graduated from University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) (J.D. 2000) and Indiana University (B.A. with distinction 1992).



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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 from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Quantitative Agricultural Economics and from Pepperdine University School of Law.



Mary Beth Redding, Bartel Associates

With over 30 years in employee benefits, Mary Beth has served as retirement consultant for a wide range of public agencies, specializing in pension and retiree medical benefits. Mary Beth focuses on understanding benefit programs and clearly communicating long and short term considerations so clients can make the best decisions possible for their organizations. Most recently, Mary Beth has been involved with helping California public agencies, including CalPERS cost sharing plans, implement GASB Statement 68 and begin implementing Statement 75. She speaks on current topics including CalPERS contribution rates and supplemental pension trusts and well as the new GASB OPEB accounting rules to retirement boards, city councils, boards of directors, and employee and professional groups Mary Beth is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries Member, American Academy of Actuaries Fellow, Conference of Consulting Actuaries Enrolled Actuary under ERISA. She earned a BS in Geology & Geophysics from Yale University.



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Ann Sherwood Rider received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and her law degree from the two-year SCALE program at Southwestern University. She has been an attorney with the City of Pasadena for over 30 years specializing in litigation and the Public Records Act.



Stacey N. Sheston, Best Best & Krieger

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 2017, 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.



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Kevin represents cities and other local agencies regarding a wide range of public law matters, including land use and planning, CEQA and environmental law, open meeting and public records, taxes and assessments, eminent domain, contracting, elections, tort claims, due process, takings and other issues of constitutional law. Kevin provides litigation as well as advisory services. Kevin joined Burke, Williams & Sorensen in August 2012. Prior to joining Burke, Kevin was a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Oakland, where he specialized in writs and appeals. Previously, Kevin was a shareholder at McDonough Holland & Allen, where he litigated cases for public agencies across the state, and a Legal Research Attorney for the San Francisco Superior Court, where he advised judges regarding complex litigation.



Sandra Spagnoli, Chief of Police, Beverly Hills Police Department

Sandra Spagnoli, Chief of Police, is an accomplished law enforcement veteran with an outstanding reputation who brings to our City a tremendous record of law enforcement leadership, and integrity achieved throughout her career. Chief Spagnoli began her career with the San Carlos Police Department as a police explorer and was hired as a full-time police officer in 1990, then promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1996 and to Commander in 1998. Prior to being appointed as San Leandro Police Chief in 2011, Chief Spagnoli served as Chief of Police for the Benicia Police Department for four years. She has served the City of Beverly Hills since 2016, is a board member for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, past president of California Peace Officers Association and an instructor for the LAPD Leadership program since 2000.



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Sabrina V. Teller has practiced environmental and land use law in California since 2001. Her practice focuses especially on the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Planning and Zoning Law. She represents agencies and applicants in land use and development matters all over the state and through all stages of the environmental review, project entitlement, and litigation processes.



Lisa A. Vidra, Senior Deputy Attorney, Culver City

Lisa Vidra has been practicing municipal law for close to 19 years, 11 of which have been with the City of Culver City. As the Senior Deputy, she handles all aspects of municipal law. She has extensive experience advising the City Council, the City's Commissions, Committees and Boards, and City staff on a wide range of legal issues, including those related to the Brown Act, charter cities, municipal elections, code enforcement, emergency preparedness, intergovernmental relations, public contracting, the civil service system and other related employment matters. In addition to general legal advice, she has recently drafted ordinances regulating cannabis businesses, massage establishments, and campaign finance. Lisa is also a member of the league's Cannabis Regulation Committee and has served since 2011 as General Counsel to a narcotics and major crime task force Joint Powers Authority. Prior to joining the public sector, Lisa was in private practice representing multiple cities, specializing in writs and receivers, public nuisance abatement, and land use litigation. She is a graduate of California State University-Fullerton, and Western State College of Law, where she was class valedictorian. Lisa originally hails from a small town outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a lifelong Steelers and Penguins fan.



Marc L. Zafferano, City Attorney, San Bruno

Marc was appointed City Attorney of San Bruno in February 2011, a few months after the PG&E explosion that devastated the city. Previously, he was a partner at the San Carlos firm of Aaronson, Dickerson, Cohn & Lanzone, where he had practiced municipal law and civil litigation since 1987. He was City Attorney for the City of Belmont for five years, District Counsel for the San Mateo Harbor District for ten years, and also represented the cities of San Carlos, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, and the Town of Woodside. He received a B.A. in political science, with distinction, and Honors in Values, Technology and Society from Stanford University in 1980 and graduated from Hastings College of The Law in 1983. In his free time, he created and heads a Math Club for the local middle school, coached high school students in Mock Trial competitions, enjoys tennis, and plays the violin.