



## Allison C. Schutte

### Partner

Allison specializes in municipal law and assists public agencies with a variety of legal issues. Her work encompasses public water supply, environmental compliance, public contracting, solid waste management, rate structure, issuer's counsel, disclosure matters, legislative drafting and open government and ethics.

Allison serves as general counsel to the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), a special district formed by special legislation drafted by Hanson Bridgett attorneys, which represents the interests of 24 cities and water districts, and two private utilities, that purchase water wholesale from the San Francisco regional water system. Allison recently served as Issuer's Counsel to BAWSCA's inaugural issuance of \$336 million in both taxable and tax-exempt bonds to finance the prepayment of capital debt owed to the City and County of San Francisco.

Allison has developed special expertise in implementing recycled water projects. Allison assisted the City of Redwood City in its approval, construction, and determining of new rates and charges for the first large-scale recycled water project in San Mateo County. Allison continues to serve as special counsel to cities and special districts for all matters related to public water systems.

Allison also has significant experience with resource recovery and waste reduction projects and solid waste franchise agreements. She serves as special counsel to cities that own their own materials recovery and composting facilities and special districts and cities that contract out for collection, composting and disposal services.

Allison is past chair of the firm's pro bono committee and is a member of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.

#### Publications

"California Water Action Plan Finalized Amidst Historic Drought Conditions," co-author, *Water Law Alert* (February 2014)

#### Presentations

"And Not a Drop to Drink: Public Agency Options for Responding to Drought," co-speaker, Municipal Management Association of Northern

#### San Francisco

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#### Firm Leadership

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Working Parents Group, Chair

#### Practices/Industries

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Environmental and Natural  
Resources  
Government  
Water Law

California Annual Conference (October 2015)

"Protecting, Preserving and Utilizing Your Water Rights During a Water Shortage," moderator, Water Shortage Seminar (April 2014)

"Analysis of the San Francisco Ballot Measure to Drain Hetch Hetchy Reservoir," Association of California Water Agencies, Region 5 (June 2012)

"Water Rate Flexibility Options under Proposition 218," Bay Area Water Supply Management Representatives (October 2011)

Government Ethics: AB 1234 Compliance Training (2006 - Present)

"Recent Developments in Solid Waste Law," County Council Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Fall Study Section Conference (October 2009)

"Using Policy to Set Community Goals: Sustainability Achievements," California Resource Recovery Association (August 2008)

"Customer Agreements: Retrofit Agreements and Public Works Requirements," Alternative Water Sources for California Conference, The Seminar Group (March 2008)

"Keeping it Legal: The What's, Why's and How's of a Utility Rate and Connection Fee Ordinance," WaterReuse Association Northern California Chapter (December 2007)

"Making Recycled Water Happen: Your Legal Toolbox," California Section WaterReuse Conference (March 2007)

"Water Recycling Law: Customer Agreements," The Seminar Group (February 2007)

"Legal Challenges and Alternative Approaches for Potential Recycled Water," WaterReuse Association Northern California Chapter (July 2006)

"The 2001-2002 California Legislative Session and Recycled Water: Incremental Progress", California Section WaterReuse Conference (March 2003)

### **Honors & Awards**

Forty Under 40, *North Bay Business Journal* (2009)

James T. Caleshu Award, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (2009)

### **Professional Affiliations**

Bay Area Council, Water Policy Committee

California WaterReuse Association, Legislative/Regulatory Committee

California Resource Recovery Association

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Marin County Bar Association

Bar Association of San Francisco

State Bar of California

Queen's Bench Bar Association

### **Education**

J.D., *cum laude*, Order of the Coif, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2000)

M.P.P., Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (1997)

A.B., Dartmouth College (1991)

### **Admissions and Courts**

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California