



Frank J. DeMarco Counsel

Frank assists the firm's public agency clients with a wide range of administrative matters. He has considerable experience in land use and complex real estate transactions for public agencies. His work includes facility transfers, concessional/shared development transactions, natural resources/environmental law, endangered species, solid waste management, public utilities issues and waste regulation concerns. In addition, he has substantial experience in litigation evaluation and settlement proceedings. He is also highly experienced in developing strategies to handle extremely controversial matters that involve leading-edge legal issues.

Frank has served as an arbitrator for the Superior Court of California on a wide variety of matters, including corporate law, real property disputes, and medical malpractice.

Frank also is a frequent presenter on professional ethics, conflicts issues, risk management and grand jury matters from a public agency perspective.

Frank has developed an area of practice which helps clients manage, evaluate, address and resolve difficult, lingering or pending matters. As part of this area of practice, Frank provides mediation, settlement conferences, risk management analyses and mini-trials within a fixed, pre-negotiated budget. Frank also provides hearing officer services.

In addition, Frank works with clients to help develop business plans and strategic planning to help in addressing and prioritizing matters so as to seek to maximize or optimize use of resources.

Representative Work

Siskiyou County. Frank served as county counsel for Siskiyou County from 1973 to 2008. He advised the County with regard to compliance with public entity regulations and public entity regulators, including complex projects requiring public entity entitlements/permitting.

Other California counties. Frank has provided settlement conference services, hearing officer services, e-discovery and risk management services, consultation on complex matters, and Board of Supervisors hearing matters.

Private clients. Frank has worked with clients to develop business and

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Practices/Industries

Government

Municipal and Public Agency

strategic plans. He has also consulted with high level corporate officials on business relationships and severance matters.

Presentations

"The Press is Downstairs and They Have Cameras," moderator, County Counsels' Association of California Annual Meeting (September 2014)

"Social Media and Ethical Issues for Public Agency Attorneys," co-speaker, County Counsels' Association of California – Land Use Spring Conference (May 2014)

"Ethics for Public Agency Attorneys," County Counsels' Association of California Land Use (December 2012)

"Legal Advisors' Panel," California Grand Jurors' Association (November 2012)

"Considerations for Public Entities Entering Multi-Party, Large Scale Class Action and Other Complex Litigation," County Counsels' Association (September 2012)

"Current Issues in Public Agency Law," County Counsels' Association (September 2012)

Honors & Awards

James B. Lindholm, Jr. Legacy Award, County Counsels' Association (2009)

County Counsel of the Year/Public Service Award (1995)

Professional Affiliations

California County Counsels' Association, Former President

Northern California County Counsels' Association, Founder and Chair

County Counsels' Association, Strategic Planning Committee, Chair

County Counsels' Association, Litigation Overview Committee, Founder and Former Chair

County Counsels' Association, Continuing Education Committee

CSAC-Excess Insurance Authority Claims Review Committee, Alternate Legal Advisor

Education

J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law (1967)

B.S., University of California, Berkeley (1964)

Admissions and Courts

California

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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

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