



Julie A. Sherman

Partner

Julie advises local government agencies on a wide variety of legal issues. Her clients include transportation districts, water districts, and cities. She also assists public agencies throughout California operating bus, rail and ferry service.

Julie's areas of expertise within the public agency realm are expansive. She advises clients on government ethics, governance laws, legislation, constitutional issues, construction law and civil rights law compliance. Julie serves as the General Counsel of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the Mid-Peninsula Water District. Additionally, she assists clients with Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Highway Administration grant conditions, cooperative and funding agreements, Public Records Act and Brown Act compliance, public procurement and contracting, professional service agreements, communication site leases, and billboard leases.

Additionally, Julie has experience in public sector contracting issues, including representing public entities in the area of public works contracts, contract negotiations of all types, and bid protests relating to complex state and local procurements. She regularly advises public entities on compliance with federal Buy America requirements.

Julie is passionate about providing pro bono assistance to various organizations and serves as the Chair of the firm's Pro Bono committee.

Publications

"California Enacts Privacy Law for Local Agencies: SB 272, Disclosure of Enterprise Systems," co-author, *Public Agency Law Alert* (November 2015)

"Court of Appeal Allows Reverse California Public Records Act Lawsuit," co-author, *Public Agency Advisory* (April 2012)

"Executive Compensation and Brown Act Requirements," co-author, *Public Agency Advisory* (March 2012)

"Non-Capital Expenses May Not Qualify as a 'Special Benefit' Under Prop 218," co-author, *Public Agency Advisory* (July 2011)

"Ruling Affects Additional Insured Coverage for Public Entities," co-author, *Public Agency Advisory* (March 2010)

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Government

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Water Law

Presentations

"Technology and the Public Records Act: Recent Legal Developments and Current Challenges," co-presenter, California Special Districts Association (April 2016)

"To Advertise or Not To Advertise, That is the Question," APTA Legal Affairs Conference (February 2016)

"Open Government; Private Emails: What Does Transparency Require?" co-presenter, Markkula Center For Applied Ethics (August 2015)

"Disruptive bus passengers," panelist, California Transit Association's 49th Annual Fall Conference & Expo (November 2014)

"Setting Retail Water Rates During Water Shortage Conditions," moderator, Water Shortage Seminar (April 2014)

"Effective Representation of Public Entities in Public Contracting," Strengthening Public & Private Sector Partnerships Program (March 2014)

"Hot Topics in Procurement," panelist, 2014 APTA Legal Affairs Seminar (February 2014)

"The CalTrain Experience," co-speaker, American Public Transportation Association Legal Affairs Seminar (February 2012)

Honors & Awards

Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2017)

Pro Bono Attorney Honor Roll, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (2012)

American Jurisprudence Award for Real Estate Transactions II

Professional Affiliations

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Academic Distinctions

Judicial Extern to Magistrate Judge Maria Elena James, United States District Court for the Northern District of California

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (2007)

B.A., *cum laude*, State University of New York at Buffalo (1989)

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Admissions and Courts

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Professional Licenses

U.S. Green Building Council LEED® Accredited Professional