



## Laura E. Ratcliffe

### Senior Counsel

Laura is a senior counsel in Hanson Bridgett's Government Section. She represents a variety of public and private entities in real estate, environmental, water, and municipal law matters. She handles various aspects of real property acquisition and management, including purchase and sale agreements, rights of way, construction, financing, and license agreements. She also has experience with various aspects of commercial and industrial leasing transactions, asset purchase agreements, and other corporate transactions.

Laura has extensive experience in public agency and municipal matters. For public agency clients, she handles issues relating to public finance, including Proposition 218 and 26 matters, ordinance drafting and enforcement, open meeting and open records laws, the California Government Claims Act, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) matters, and administrative hearing and enforcement processes.

#### Publications

"Supreme Court Rules Referendum Process Cannot Be Used to Challenge Water Rates," co-author, Water Law Alert (August 2020)

#### Press

"Hanson Bridgett Adds Attorneys," Los Angeles Business Journal (February 2020)

"Claire Collins Leads Five-Attorney Team from Lewis Brisbois to Hanson Bridgett," Daily Journal (February 2020)

"On the Move: Tracking the Ins and Outs of California Lawyers," The Recorder (January 2020)

#### Honors & Awards

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2021)

#### Professional Affiliations

#### Los Angeles

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#### Practices/Industries

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Colorado Special District Association Leadership Academy, Fellow

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Real Property Section

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### **Education**

J.D., University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2011)

B.A., Haverford College (2006)

### **Admissions and Courts**

California

Colorado