

**Janna Aldrete**

Janna Aldrete has been involved with commercial real estate for the past 21 years. Her career started with Spieker Properties, a former REIT, as a Building Manager which lead to a Project Director position with a commercial real estate developer in a 200-acre office park. Janna has developed multi-tenant office buildings from the conceptual drawing phase through construction, lease-up and property management functions. She is the Property Manager for the City of Monterey focusing on a commercial leasing and management portfolio of ground leases, single-tenant building leases and multi-tenant retail leases. Janna is a former Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board Member where she co-chaired the Economic Vitality Committee and was a member of the Government Affairs Committee. She is a past president of the Monterey Commercial Property Owners Association and is licensed through the California Bureau of Real Estate.

**David Bruce**

David Bruce has practiced law in Seattle for over 20 years. After more than a decade in private practice and public service, he teamed with Jim Savitt in 1999 to found the firm that eventually became Savitt Bruce & Willey LLP. Dave's 20 years of experience in representing public entities have given him a unique ability to defend government entities and managers against all manner of challenges. He is a graduate of American University, summa cum laude, and Cornell Law School, magna cum laude. Dave began his career with the Perkins Coie firm.



### **Timothy Coates**

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. 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 Conneran**

Michael N. Conneran is a partner in the San Francisco law firm Hanson Bridgett LLP. He specializes in the representation of public agencies in a variety of matters involving transportation, real estate and environmental law. Michael serves as General Counsel for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, and the Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Agency. Michael led the legal effort for the acquisition of real property required for the extension of the BART system to the San Francisco International Airport. Michael received his A.B. degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law where he was Note Editor of the Hastings Law Journal.



### **Paul Glassman**

Paul R. Glassman is a Shareholder with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C. where he chairs the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice. Mr. Glassman is one of the country's leading practitioners in the municipal insolvency area. He represents the City of San Bernardino, in their chapter 9 case, and the City of Ponce in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico PROMESA proceedings. He also represented the official committee of Orange County cities and the City of Irvine in the Orange County chapter 9 case, and the largest unsecured creditor and chair of the creditors committee in the Valley Health Systems chapter 9 case. Listed as one of the "Top Bankruptcy Lawyers" by The Deal Magazine, a "Top Lawyer" by Super Lawyers magazine and a "Top 20 California Municipal Law Attorney" by The Daily Journal, Mr. Glassman has also lectured extensively including to the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, American Bankruptcy Institute, California Bankruptcy Forum, UCLA Law School, and various law school symposia, as well as to California City Attorney and County Counsel associations. Mr. Glassman has authored numerous articles in such publications as the American Bankruptcy Law Journal, the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, the Business Lawyer and the Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor, as well as the Thomson Reuters/Aspatore publication, "Chapter 9 Bankruptcy Strategies." Mr. Glassman is a graduate of Stanford Law School where he was a member of the Law Review. He also has Masters and Bachelors degrees in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania where he was Phi Beta Kappa.



### **Glen Hansen**

Glen Hansen is a Senior Counsel at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., in Sacramento, CA, and primarily represents local municipalities and property owners in the areas of land use, real estate law, local government law and takings law. He was counsel of record in numerous reported decisions, including most recently *Harrington v. City of Davis* (2017) 16 Cal.App.5th 420. Previously, Mr. Hansen was an attorney with the law firm of Knox, Lemmon & Anapolsky, LLP, in Sacramento, California, where he represented the California Secretary of State, the California District Attorneys Association, trade associations, businesses and individuals in administrative and rule-making proceedings and civil litigation involving election law disputes, real estate law, contract disputes, governmental immunities, and business torts. Before that, Mr. Hansen was an attorney with the law firm of Freeman, Brown, Sperry & D'Aiuto, LLP, in Stockton, California, where he represented local governments, developers and businesses in the areas of land use, real estate contracts, eminent domain, environmental compliance, business torts and commercial transactions. Mr. Hansen is a member of the Board of Directors for the Sacramento County Bar Association, and the Agribusiness Committee of the Business Law Section of the California Lawyers Assn. He is a Dispute Resolution Conference pro-tem judge for the El Dorado County Superior Court. Mr. Hansen publishes updates on legislation, case law, regulations and regulatory guidance in the areas of real property, environmental and municipal law at <http://blog.aklandlaw.com>. Mr. Hansen obtained his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Biola University in La Mirada, California. He is married with 11 children, is on the Board of Directors for xHope Missions and is an Elder at Reflect Church in Elk Grove, California.

**Whitman Manley**

Whit Manley is of counsel at Remy Moose and Manley LLP in Sacramento. RMM provides consulting services and trial and appellate litigation representation to clients throughout California in both the public and private sector. A substantial portion of the firm's practice involves CEQA. Mr. Manley is co-author of Solano Press's Guide to CEQA (11th ed., 2007); the 12th edition will be published in 2019. Mr. Manley received his A.B. in Philosophy from UC Berkeley, and his J.D. from Cornell Law School, where he was editor in chief of the Cornell Law Review. Before going into private practice, he served as law clerk to the late Robert F. Peckham, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California.

**Michael Maurer**

Michael Maurer is a public law attorney at Best Best & Krieger LLP and serves as City Attorney for San Jacinto and La Habra Heights. Mike guides clients through the public procurement process, assisting on everything from basic purchase orders to nine-figure deals. He has prepared and negotiated contracts for major public infrastructure projects, including projects utilizing alternative procurement methods, and has developed and implemented RFPs for a variety of critical public services. Mike has also successfully defended public clients in court against challenges to purchase and contract awards, and he regularly comments on new and developing laws relating to public contracting.



**Russell McGlothlin**

Russell McGlothlin is a water resources attorney with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. He possesses extensive expertise concerning water use and management in California and the western United States. His practice particularly specializes in the management of groundwater. He was highly involved in the development of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and laws to reform the judicial procedure for adjudicating groundwater basins. He is now engaged in numerous basins across the state assisting with the implementation of these new laws. Russell frequently publishes and speaks on water law topics. His writings include several law journal articles and two chapters of California Groundwater Management published by the Groundwater Resources Association. He is also a member of the Council of Legal Advisors to the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at the University of California at Santa Barbara where he guest lectures regularly.

**Joseph Montes**

Joseph Montes is the City Attorney for the cities of Alhambra and Santa Clarita. He is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, where he has been for 24 years. In past years he has participated as a Policy Committee Representative, as a member of the Public Records Act Committee, the Legal Advocacy Committee, the City Attorney's Section Board Selection Committee, and has spoken at past conferences. He is a survivor of 19 years of Catholic education, 11 of them Jesuit. And while he does not profess to be an Ethics Expert, he generally knows when other people are wrong.



### **Traci Park**

Traci Park exclusively advises and assists employers and management in labor and employment law and civil rights litigation. Her wide-ranging practice includes representing clients in FEHA, Title VII, wrongful termination, employee compensation, and civil rights matters. Traci has extensive trial and appellate experience, and she regularly handles grievance arbitrations, disciplinary appeals, administrative hearings, and agency investigations. She is a member of the Association of Workplace Investigators and frequently serves as a personnel investigator and neutral fact-finder. Traci regularly advises employers about issues and policies related to cyber-security, social media, and on-line conduct of employees and elected officials, and she regularly writes for the California Lawyer Magazine Social Media Column. She recently authored articles on use of social media by police, social media policies for public entities, defining on-line threats, social media and the First Amendment, and litigating sexual harassment in the #MeToo environment. Traci is an experienced trainer who has conducted hundreds of seminars on all aspects of employment law and civil litigation. Her recent presentations include Facebook and the First Amendment, hacking and cyber-misconduct, privacy and privilege in litigation, harassment prevention, social media in the workplace, managing difficult employees, HR boot camp for managers, strategies to prevent lawsuits arising from terminations, disability discrimination, conducting lawful workplace investigations, and effective discipline and workplace documentation. Traci likes surfing, Facebook, and the Los Angeles Chargers.



### **Nancy Park**

Nancy Park has a varied real estate, finance and business background, which includes serving as CEO for a private developer, giving her a unique insider's perspective that allows her to relate to her clients. Her practice includes real estate leasing, acquisitions, finance, development and joint ventures. Nancy is a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP where she works with clients in both the private and public sector, focusing on real estate transactions, leasing, finance and business contracts. Nancy represents real estate entities, lenders and borrowers, landlords and tenants, and large and small businesses. Public clients include cities, counties, special districts, JPAs and hospital districts, among others. Prior to joining BB&K, Nancy was the CEO of The Evergreen Company, a veteran Northern California developer of retail and office projects. Nancy was also an attorney with McDonough Holland & Allen PC from 2000 to 2006. Prior to that, she was an investment officer for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). In that capacity, she was responsible for investing \$1.8 billion in real estate assets. Additionally, she started her career with more than 10 years of experience as a commercial real estate lender for several community banks. Nancy is very involved in the Sacramento community as a volunteer leader for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Nancy has a BS in Business Administration/Finance from California State University, Sacramento and her JD from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

**Charles Parkin**

Charles Parkin began working for the City of Long Beach in 1985 in the Department of Oil Properties. In 1995, Charlie was hired as a Deputy City Attorney. Through the years, he was promoted to Principal Deputy City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney and in August of 2013 the City Council appointed Charlie as the City Attorney. In 2014, Charlie was elected Long Beach City Attorney for a four-year term and re-elected in April of this year.

**Javan Rad**

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

**Gary Saenz**

Gary Saenz was elected as City Attorney for San Bernardino, California, on November 5, 2013, and was re-elected on November 3, 2015. Prior to his election, he was a general Civil Attorney in private practice, specializing in Real Estate Law. Being a life-long resident of San Bernardino, Mr. Saenz wanted to become involved in helping San Bernardino recover from its financial challenges by playing a vital role in helping to unite its many positive resources and residents. Working cohesively with the Mayor and City Council, Mr. Saenz's commitment and dedication to San Bernardino has advanced the City through bankruptcy confirmation, which was a significant milestone for the City. Mr. Saenz received a BA in Philosophy from San Diego State University, and a JD from University of California, Los Angeles, J.D. Mr. Saenz is a member of the State Bar of California and the San Bernardino County Bar Association.



### **Stacey Sheston**

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 nonjury 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 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 Appeals. She is licensed to practice in the State of California.





**David Silberman**

David Silberman is a Chief Deputy County Counsel for San Mateo County. David joined the County Counsel's Office in 2004. He currently is assigned to: the Sheriff, the Narcotics Task Force, the Office of Emergency Services, the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, the Office of Sustainability, supervises the Child Protective Services, Litigation and Public Guardian and Public Administrator Teams and serves as General Counsel to Peninsula Clean Energy. In the past, he has also worked in the areas of health, community services and school law. He graduated from the UCLA School of Law with honors in 2000 and clerked in the Central District of California and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In the community, David serves as Chair of the San Carlos Planning Commission, and formerly chaired the Residential Design Review Committee and as a grader for the California Bar Exam. He has been a member of the San Mateo County Bar Association Board since 2010 and is the Vice President.



**Daniel Sodergren**

Dan Sodergren is the City Attorney for the City of Pleasanton. Dan previously served as City Attorney for the cities of Tracy and Livermore. He is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley and Santa Clara University School of Law.



### **Megan Somogyi**

Megan Somogyi has regulatory, transactional, and appellate experience in matters relating to public utilities, with a focus on energy, transportation, and water. She represents clients in administrative compliance and litigation proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission and other regulatory agencies. Ms. Somogyi has represented local government entities and utility clients in electric transmission line siting proceedings, ratemaking litigation, sale and transfer of electric utility property, and utility certification proceedings. She has also represented clients in appellate litigation before the California Courts of Appeal and Supreme Court. Before joining Goodin MacBride, Ms. Somogyi was a Civil Staff Attorney at the Supreme Court of California, where she previously served as a judicial extern to Justice Marvin R. Baxter. After receiving her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, Ms. Somogyi obtained her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she served on the Editorial Board of the University of San Francisco Law Review as an Articles Editor. Ms. Somogyi was named one of the Top Women Attorneys in Northern California for 2017 by Super Lawyers, and has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star for Northern California each year from 2015 to 2018. Ms. Somogyi co-founded Women In Public Utilities, a professional association, in 2017. She teaches Advanced Legal Writing at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Ms. Somogyi served as the 2016–2017 co-chair of the Young Utility Lawyers section of the Conference of California Public Utility Counsel. Ms. Somogyi is a member of the California State Bar.

**Kelly Trainer**

Kelly Trainer is a partner in Burke, Williams and Sorensen, LLP's Orange County office, representing employers in labor and employment law matters. Ms. Trainer has represented and advised employers on matters involving numerous federal and state law claims, including discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, leaves of absence, wage and hour, freedom of speech and association, and privacy. In addition, Ms. Trainer's practice includes representation of public employers in areas unique to public employment such as due process, disciplinary procedures, the MMBA, CalPERS, and the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights, and the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights. Ms. Trainer has an extensive counseling practice, concentrating on preventive measures of employment and labor law. In this regard, her practice has focused on revising personnel rules, employee handbooks, and personnel ordinances, updating specific policies, and advising employers on the handling of a variety of employment matters. Ms. Trainer has acted as lead negotiator during labor negotiations for public agencies, and has negotiated many labor agreements. In addition to labor negotiations, Ms. Trainer has experience in handling related labor relations issues such as grievances and PERB proceedings, and she regularly advises employers on such matters. Ms. Trainer is a member of AWI and has served as a neutral investigator for internal investigations of employment complaints involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and workplace misconduct. She also conducts a variety of seminars and workplace trainings for employees on matters such as harassment prevention, disability discrimination, workplace investigations, managing difficult employees, workplace violence, discipline and termination, social media, performance evaluation, creating effective documentation, and leaves of absence.



**Kevin Wang**

Kevin Wang is an associate in Best Best & Krieger's Sacramento office. Kevin's practice concentrates on all aspects of public contracting with a focus on public works construction and infrastructure construction law. Kevin guides clients through the process of procuring public works construction projects including advising on drafting contract documents, bidding procedures and disputes, construction claims resolution, state and federal prevailing wage law compliance and construction defect.