



Speaker Biographies

Ariel Pierre Calonne

Mr. Calonne is the city attorney for the City of San Buenaventura, California. He is a dual graduate of the University of California, receiving his law degree at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of California at Riverside.

Before coming back to Ventura in 2007, Mr. Calonne spent 4 years as the city attorney of Boulder, Colorado and 13 years as the city attorney of Palo Alto, California.

Mr. Calonne served as President of the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities in 1998-1999 and was named *Public Lawyer of the Year* in 2003 by the Public Law Section of the State Bar of California. In 2006, the Colorado Metro City Attorneys Association honored him with the Outstanding City Attorney award.

Mr. Calonne has been active on public records, privacy, First Amendment and open meetings law. In June 2006, he presented *First Amendment Jeopardy! – A City Attorney’s Guide to Key First Amendment Issues* to the Colorado Municipal League. In October 2005, he moderated a debate on RLUIPA at the *Cities on the Cutting Edge* conference sponsored by the Hastings Center for State and Local Government Law in San Francisco. He has presented to the *Conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy*, the *California Newspaper Publishers Association*, the *California First Amendment Coalition*, the *Colorado Municipal League* and the *League of California Cities*. Mr. Calonne has appeared on the San Francisco NPR affiliate *KQED*, *CNN*, and *The California Channel* in open government-related programming.

Mr. Calonne has authored numerous articles and *amicus curiae* briefs on public records, governmental immunity, and open government issues, including the League of California Cities brief in the leading California Supreme Court open meetings law case, *Roberts v. City of Palmdale*.

He was the founding chairperson of the League of California Cities’ *Public Records Act Committee* from 1994 until January 1998. He was a member of the advisory committee to the *Joint Senate-Assembly Task Force on Personal Information and Privacy* chaired by California State Senator Steve Peace. In 1996 and 1997, Mr. Calonne participated on the *Electronic Access to Public Records Task Force* formed under the Senate Select Committee on Information Services in State Government.

Before coming to Palo Alto, he was with the Los Angeles law firm of *Richards, Watson & Gershon* where he served as city attorney for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and principal assistant city attorney for Palmdale and Westlake Village. At one time or another in public and private practice he has served as deputy or assistant city attorney for the cities of Ventura, Corona, Redlands, Banning, Desert Hot Springs, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Carson and Perris, California. He began his career as an associate with *Best, Best & Krieger* in Riverside, California.

Susan Coleman

Susan Coleman is a Partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP with over 18 years litigation experience. Ms. Coleman worked for the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, for over 13 years. For the last five years, Ms. Coleman has represented various law enforcement officials at entities such as the cities of Alhambra, Hemet, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Colton, Beaumont; the counties of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange; the Regents of the University of California, the California Department of Corrections and Board of Parole Hearings, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and The GEO Group, Inc. Because of this long history defending law enforcement officials, she has a strong background in civil rights and tort litigation. Ms. Coleman has defended law enforcement officers and officials in over 25 civil jury trials in federal and state courts throughout California, with very successful results. Ms. Coleman is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Christine Dietrich

Christine has been the City Attorney for the City of San Luis Obispo since January 2010. She previously served San Luis Obispo as the Assistant City Attorney since 2005. Prior to accepting her in-house position, Christine worked for private firms in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, where she did private plaintiff's side business litigation and insurance defense litigation, while learning municipal practice as the contract Assistant City Attorney for the central coast cities of Morro Bay and Pismo Beach.

Deborah J. Fox

Deborah Fox is the Chair of the firm's First Amendment Practice Group. She is one of California's foremost experts on First Amendment issues affecting the public sector. Her practice includes trial and appellate work in both state and federal courts on First Amendment cases as well as cases that frequently involve civil rights claims for violation of substantive and procedural due process, equal protection, environmental claims and inverse condemnation. Deborah was successful in obtaining an award of attorneys' fees for both Culver City and Palmdale. She defended Culver City in a challenge to its sign ordinance, obtaining a motion to dismiss with prejudice. In an unusual ruling, the Ninth Circuit affirmed an attorneys' fees award to Culver City totaling \$140,000 for a frivolous case. And, in a state court civil rights/takings challenge based on a failed apartment project, Deborah obtained a judgment in the City's favor by way of demurrer and motion for summary judgment. This culminated in the City obtaining an award in excess of \$100,000 against the developer.

She is a member of the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the League of California Cities Adult Use Task Force, where she participated in the preparation of the League's Model Ordinance. She serves as a settlement officer for the North Central District Division of the Los Angeles Superior Court and is admitted to practice in the courts of the State of California, United States Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and several U.S. District Courts. Deborah has lectured and written extensively on the First Amendment including publications in the *Urban Lawyer*. She is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell for reaching the height of professional excellence and recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity. She is listed in Martindale-Hubbell's 2013 Register of Top Rated Lawyers in Land Use and Zoning, 2013 Register of Top Rated Lawyers: Women Leaders in the Law, as well as the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Register of Preeminent Lawyers, and Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, 2011 Inaugural Edition. She was named one of California's "Top Women Litigators" by the *Daily Journal* in 2007 and 2009 for her career achievements and overall contributions to the profession. She was also named one of L.A.'s "Top 100 Lawyers" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in 2009.

Eugene P. Gordon

Eugene P. Gordon is a Deputy City Attorney in the San Diego City Attorney's Office. Since February 2008 when he retired from the City, he has been working as a volunteer on a part-time basis in the City Attorney's Office. He is assigned to the Trial Unit in the Civil Division where he specializes in the defense of personal injury cases brought against the City and its employees. Such litigation involves alleged dangerous conditions of public property, such as highway design and trip-and-fall cases, police K-9 bite cases, false arrest and excessive force cases, including section 1983 cases, and City vehicular accidents. From 1971 to 1978, Mr. Gordon was Legal Advisor to the San Diego Police Department where he was instrumental in providing legal in-service training programs, including the publication of legal training bulletins for police officers. He provided on-the-scene legal advice to police supervisors in the proper handling of civil demonstrations and disturbances, was available to supervisors and officers in the field for consultation on legal matters, and played an important role in drafting legal policies and procedures. While Police Legal Advisor, Mr. Gordon was a member of the Legal Officers Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and in 1976 he was General Chairman of the section. He was also a contributor to the "Chief's Counsel," a legal column in the "Police Chief Magazine," a monthly publication of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Gordon was a prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office from 1969 - 1971 where he prosecuted a variety of misdemeanor cases. He served as Assistant Chief Criminal Deputy for one year prior to becoming Police Legal Advisor in May 1971.

Mr. Gordon has taught extensively at the San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute at Miramar College in San Diego on the subjects of civil and criminal liability of law enforcement officers, constitutional law, and use of force to police recruits, advanced officers and Field Training Officers. He was an instructor in the San Diego Sheriff's Department Academy at Southwestern College on the subject of civil and criminal liability of law enforcement officers, and he taught the sixteen-hour course on search and seizure at the San Diego Police Academy from 1972-1979.

Mr. Gordon has lectured at numerous seminars for police administrators sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police on the subjects of police discipline, civil liability and discovery of police officers' personnel records. He has also lectured on municipal tort liability at NIMLO and League of California Cities conferences. Mr. Gordon has provided legal updates at numerous PRIMA and PARMA conferences.

In 1992, Mr. Gordon served on the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Committee on "Police Use of Force," Executive Report, July 1992. In 1996, he assisted POST in revising the Police Supervisory Course curricula. Admitted to the California State Bar in 1968, Mr. Gordon received his legal education at Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Riverside.

Amy Greyson

Amy Greyson is a senior attorney in the Public Law and Labor and Employment Departments at Richards, Watson & Gershon. She has specialized in the areas of public agency and municipal law and labor and employment law in both advisory and litigation capacities for almost 30 years. Ms. Greyson has broad expertise in advising cities on all stages of land use process, including drafting and interpretation of ordinances and statutes, preparation of resolutions, and legal advice on land use issues, and has served as legal advisor to planning commissions. Ms. Greyson also has extensive experience in drafting and advising cities on mobile home park rent control ordinances, serves as legal advisor to mobile home park rent control boards and commissions, and has also defended cities in litigation resulting from rent control decisions. Ms. Greyson also has additional experience representing newly incorporated cities in challenging property tax determinations made by Local Agency Formation Commissions and counties in the incorporation process; and has represented cities and other public agencies in land use and CEQA litigation matters. In the areas of labor and employment, Ms. Greyson has extensive experience in all aspects of the employment relationship, including development of personnel rules and policies; handling of discipline and grievance matters and labor arbitrations; litigation defense of employee disciplinary actions; investigation of harassment and misconduct complaints; and advice in labor relations and general employment matters. Ms. Greyson has conducted hearings before arbitrators and civil service boards and personnel appeals boards on discipline appeals, and has served as legal advisor to civil service boards and personnel appeals boards on discipline appeals, unfair labor practice charges and civil service system administration. She has also participated in mediation and settlement conference courts and before administrative agencies. Ms. Greyson has also conducted training in the Brown Act, fitness for duty, preventing harassment and discrimination, conducting investigations, and family and medical leave laws. Ms. Greyson served on the 2009 Ad Hoc Due Process Committee of the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities. Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Greyson served as Litigation Specialist-Deputy City Attorney for the City of Anaheim, and has also served as a Partner with the law firm of Brunick, Alvarez & Battersby in San Bernardino, where she was Assistant City Attorney for the City of Yucaipa, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Highland, Special Counsel to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, the San Bernardino Community College District, and several county water districts and personnel commissions. Ms. Greyson has also served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Oceanside and Deputy City Attorney for the cities of Claremont and LaVerne. Ms. Greyson is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Robert Hawley

Robert Hawley is currently Deputy Executive Director of the State Bar of California. His areas of responsibility for the State Bar, among other things, include oversight of the State Bar's Professional Competence Unit which administers the Ethics Hotline, the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC), the State Bar's professional responsibility publications and other functions related to the development of California's Rules of Professional Conduct. He also is the State Bar's employee relations officer and oversees all labor and employment functions. He received his Juris Doctorate (J.D.) degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and his Masters in Law (LL.M) from New York University, School of Law. Mr. Hawley began his legal career as a disciplinary prosecutor for the State Bar. He then entered private practice for over ten years representing management in labor and employment matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. He served as a member of the State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC) as well as its Chair and Special Advisor. Prior to rejoining the State Bar's staff, he served as Risk Management Chair and Deputy Managing Partner for a major Bay Area law firm. Mr. Hawley has taught Professional Responsibility and labor law at various Bay Area law schools for the past twenty years, and is currently on the adjunct faculty of Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Rick Jarvis

A founding partner of the Jarvis Fay law firm, Rick Jarvis is one of California's leading CEQA, land use, and municipal law litigators, having handled over 100 cases, with his litigation practice including state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate level. Primarily representing cities and other local public agencies, Rick has extensive familiarity with a broad range of California land use laws, including CEQA, the Planning and Zoning Law, the Subdivision Map Act, and the Mitigation Fee Act. Rick graduated from U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law in 1991.

Barbara Kautz

Barbara E. Kautz is a partner with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP and practices in the areas of land use, CEQA compliance, affordable housing, and economic development. She is the co-author, Local Government Financing Powers and Sources of Funding, in ABA Legal Guide to Affordable Housing (2005, update 2011); co-author, An Overview of CEQA Issues in Redevelopment, in A Legal Guide to California Redevelopment; and author of In Defense of Inclusionary Zoning: Successfully Creating Affordable Housing, 36 U.S.F. Law Review 971 (2002). Prior to joining Goldfarb & Lipman LLP, she was the Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager for the City of San Mateo and was responsible for managing the planning, redevelopment, housing, and building operations of the city. She serves on the Advisory Board for the California Real Property Journal and the Municipal Law Handbook Committee and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She formerly served on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities and the American Planning Association California. Ms. Kautz received her law degree summa cum laude from the University of San Francisco, holds a Master of City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford University. Goldfarb & Lipman LLP is a real estate law firm with a practice emphasizing housing finance, land use, and economic development. Members of the firm have taken a lead role in drafting legislation regarding affordable housing, Low Income Tax Credits, and economic development.

Jeffrey Kolin

City Manager 2010 to present

Prior Experience:

City Manager: City of Santa Rosa City of Pittsburg, City of Santa Clarita, Deputy City Manager Special Projects, Deputy City Manager Public Works, Deputy City Manager Parks and Recreation, City of Anaheim Parks Recreation and Parks Superintendent, City of Tustin Community Services Department Recreation Superintendent, City of Newport Beach Parks and Recreation Superintendent, City of Westminster Community Services Dept. Recreation Coordinator, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Recreation Specialist II

Education:

California State University Long Beach, B.A. Sociology "Cum Laude"

California State University Long Beach, M.A. Sociology Independent Study – "European Leisure Services Systems and Adventure Playgrounds"

NRPA Pacific Southwest Revenue Management School University of California – Berkeley Executive School, 2007

Other:

League of California Cities City Managers' Dept. Vice President, 2006

League of California Cities City Managers' Department President Elect, 2007

League of California Cities City Managers' Department President, 2008

League of California Cities City Managers' Department Past President, 2009

League of California Cities City Managers' Department Representative 2009-11

California City Managers Foundation Board member, 2005 – present

California City Managers Foundation Vice President, 2011 – present

League of Calif. Cities City Managers' Dept. Executive Board Member 2000-12

Co-Chair League of California Cities PG&E Bankruptcy Task Force

2003 Chair Association of Bay Area Governments Power Pool

2001-03 Chair Sonoma County Public Manager's Association

2000-01 Chair Contra Costa County Public Manager's Association

1999-2000 ICMA Professional Member

1996-present ICMA Credentialed Manager

2003 – present Northern California Power Association Member, 1997

Adam Lindgren

Adam Lindgren is the Managing Principal of Meyers Nave's Sacramento office and serves as the City Attorney for the City of Rancho Cordova. He also serves as special counsel to the cities of Sacramento, Ventura and Livingston, as well as other districts and agencies such as the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Fallon Village GHAD and Schaefer Ranch GHAD. Adam has extensive experience in all aspects of municipal law, with particular qualifications in complex land use and development projects. His recent projects include supporting property acquisition for the Sacramento entertainment sports complex; preparing a development impact fee for the City of Ventura; processing land use approvals for subdivisions for the City of Rancho Cordova; and preparing CEQA documents for the San Bernardino Regional Green House Gas Plan. Adam is experienced in processing comprehensive general plan updates, preparing CEQA documents for mixed-use developments, processing annexations, preparing complex subdivision map approvals, negotiating development agreements for large-scale planned unit projects and advising clients regarding development impact fees.

Adam is the primary author and co-managing editor of a leading comprehensive publication on land use law, California Land Use Practice, published by Continuing Education of the Bar in 2006 and updated annually. He has written and lectured extensively on a wide array of land use and municipal law topics, including the Subdivision Map Act, development agreements, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, Proposition 218, takings and exactions, zoning, district formation, the Coastal Act and geologic hazard abatement districts, and ethics. He speaks frequently around the State for groups including the League of California Cities, Continuing Education of the State Bar, the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, the Special Districts Association and Lorman Education Services.

Adam began his legal career in Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Assistant to a member of the United States House of Representatives. On Capitol Hill, Adam focused on land use, environmental and local government issues. Prior to joining Meyers Nave, Adam worked as a land use attorney at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enersen in the practice of land use and municipal law.

Jonathan P. Lowell

Since January 2010 Jonathan P. Lowell has been the city attorney in Pleasanton, California. He previously served as city attorney in San Luis Obispo and San Bruno. Jonathan earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California Berkeley in 1981 and his juris doctor from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1985. He enjoys his work as a city attorney and assisting the League of California Cities because of the many interesting, dedicated and thoughtful people he encounters doing so.

Christian Marsh

Christian Marsh is a partner in the San Francisco office of Downey Brand LLP. He advises public and private clients on natural resource, energy, and land use matters involving water, endangered species, wetlands, California planning and zoning law, and NEPA and CEQA review. Among a variety of projects, he has entitled and permitted small and large-scale residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate developments, ground and surface water supply projects, renewable and non-renewable energy and transmission facilities, port and waterfront developments, and mining projects. Christian conducts trial and appellate-level litigation in each of these areas, and represented the prevailing parties in two recent CEQA cases before the California Supreme Court, *Save the Plastic Bag Coalition v. City of Manhattan Beach* and *Stockton Citizens for Sensible Planning v. City of Stockton*. Before practicing law, Christian served as special assistant in the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he advised the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science on endangered species and water policy.

Marco Martinez

Marco A. Martinez is a partner in the Municipal practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP. His practice areas include general municipal law, First Amendment law, public contracts, land use and zoning issues, and housing regulations. Mr. Martinez currently serves as city attorney for the cities of Covina and Azusa. He is also general counsel to the San Bernardino County Housing Authority and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mr. Martinez attended California State Polytechnic University Pomona and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning in 1987. He received his law degree from Loyola Law School. Prior to joining Best Best & Krieger, Mr. Martinez was a planner with more than ten years of experience serving the City of Downey and the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning. He was also selected a California Executive Fellow in 1987-1988 and served his fellowship appointment with the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Martinez is a member of the American Planning Association, the Riverside and Orange County Bar Associations and the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He is a frequent speaker and instructor on land use and planning issues as well as local government ethics.

Shawn Mason

Shawn Mason has served as the City Attorney for the City of San Mateo since January 2003. Shawn previously served as the City Attorney for the City of Rancho Mirage and the City of Benicia, and as the Deputy and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Thousand Oaks. Shawn presently serves on the Legal Advocacy Committee and as Chair of the FPPC Committee. He has previously served on the Municipal Law Handbook Committee. In his spare time, Shawn enjoys running, playing softball and reading. He is also an enthusiastic fantasy baseball team owner and enjoys annually competing with fellow city attorneys, Fred Soley and John Pomidor.

Traci Park

Ms. Park exclusively represents public entities and private sector management in labor and employment law matters. Ms. Park has a wide-ranging litigation practice which includes representing clients in FEHA, Title VII, ADA, wrongful termination, wage and hour, due process and civil rights cases. In addition to her litigation practice, Ms. Park has developed a large counseling practice, which includes drafting employment policies, conducting employment law compliance audits and conducting personnel investigations. Ms. Park has also authored several published articles and contributed to a number of treatises, including the 2010-2012 editions of Legal Trends and the 2001-2007 editions of The California Employer. Ms. Park is an experienced trainer who regularly conducted over 350 seminars covering all aspects of employment law. Her recent presentations have included prevention of harassment, discrimination and retaliation, the impact of social media in the workplace, managing difficult employees, disability discrimination, workplace hazing, bullying and violence, administering FMLA, CFRA and other protected leaves of absence, strategies to prevent lawsuits arising from terminations, conducting lawful workplace investigations and effective discipline, and California and Federal wage and hour compliance. Ms. Park recently taught an advanced Human Resource certification course for the Council for Management Education and she regularly conducts employment law training for members of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. In addition, Ms. Park was a presenter at the CalPELRA Conference in 2010, the CJPIA Risk Management Educational Forum and the Human Resources Academy in 2011 and the PARMA, Inland Empire Health & Safety, and Cal-PRIMA conferences in 2012. She also be presented at the Cal-PRIMA Southern California Workshop in April 2013 and at the IPMA-HR Western Region Conference in May 2013. She is scheduled to speak at CAJAPA in November 2013 and at PARMA in February 2014.

Randy Riddle

Randy Riddle is a Partner with Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP (Public Law Group™). Randy's practice focuses primarily on government law, election law issues and government litigation. Until recently, Randy served as the Richmond City Attorney. Prior to joining Renne Sloan, Randy served as Chief Counsel to the Office of the California Secretary of State, where he served as the state's chief election attorney. Randy previously served in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office for 15 years. Randy was the Counsel to the Registrar of Voters and the San Francisco Ethics Commission. While with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, Randy also served as Chief of the Government Litigation team and supervised sensitive and complex litigation involving a wide variety of city laws and policies. In his spare time, Randy teaches Election Law at the University Of San Francisco School Of Law.

Kevin D. Siegel

Kevin represents cities and other local agencies regarding a wide range of public law matters, including taxes and assessments, land use and planning, CEQA and environmental law, eminent domain, contracting, public records, elections, tort claims, and due process, takings and other issues of constitutional law. Kevin has successfully litigated these and other municipal law issues. Kevin also provides advice and transactional services, promoting sound decision-making and reducing potential liability. Kevin joined Burke, Williams & Sorensen in August 2012. Prior to joining Burke, Kevin was a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Oakland, where he specialized in writs and appeals. Previously, Kevin was a shareholder at McDonough Holland & Allen, where he litigated cases for public agencies across the State, and a Legal Research Attorney for the San Francisco Superior Court, where he advised judges regarding complex litigation

Richard S. Whitmore

Partner Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (2000 -);

Partner Whitmore Johnson & Bolanos (1991-2000);

Partner Whitmore Kay & Stevens (1976-1991);

represented public agencies primarily in labor and employment matters since 1970.

Education - BA Stanford University 1964 JD Stanford University School of Law 1967

Iris Yang

Iris began representing redevelopment agencies with plan adoptions, negotiations for agreements and litigation in 1982, under the tutelage of Joe Coomes and Dave Beatty. She is now representing numerous successor agencies throughout the dissolution process, including litigation challenging the implementation of AB 1x 26 and AB 1484. She was a co-author for all four editions of *Redevelopment in California*, published by Solano Press. Since 1994, she has also been the City Attorney for Paso Robles and is happy to provide restaurant and hotel recommendations for this great little city.