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Brian Hamblet is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP with over 20 years of experience working with public agencies. Brian is the Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Simi Valley. He also provides advice to numerous public entities across the state, including Camarillo, Santa Clarita, Burbank, Rialto, and Lawndale.

Brian's interest in representing public entities began before graduating law school while he was a law clerk at a firm defending the cities of Beverly Hills and Ventura. Since then, Brian has developed a strong background in advising and defending governmental entities and their employees in a wide range of matters including the Public Records Act, conflict of interest laws, tort litigation, particularly premises liability, dangerous condition of public property, wrongful death, eminent domain, inverse condemnation, constitutional law, and civil rights litigation. Brian has also advised many municipalities regarding how to stay compliant with the Brown Act.

Brian also serves as the City Prosecutor for numerous cities including Rosemead, Camarillo, and Santa Clarita where he successfully handles criminal litigation and prosecution of code enforcement matters. Serving in these capacities has given Brian a broad range of litigation experience which he continues to expand upon to successfully advise and represent his clients.

As a litigator, Brian has also successfully litigated and tried cases to verdict for both public agencies and private clients in the areas of bodily injury, contract disputes, employment discrimination, products liability, motor vehicle warranty, toxic tort, and unfair business practices, as well as bankruptcy, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation.

Brian received his B.A. in philosophy with a minor in business administration from UCLA in 1987. He graduated magna cum laude from Loyola Law School, in 2000 where he was ranked number one in his division and received numerous honors including the Order of the

### PRACTICES

Eminent Domain and Inverse  
Condemnation

Employment Law and Litigation

Inverse Condemnation

Litigation

Public Law

Real Estate and Business Law

Tort Claims and Products  
Liability

### EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, Loyola  
Law School Los Angeles, 2000

B.A., Dean's List, University of  
California, Los Angeles, 1987

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for  
the Central District of California

### AFFILIATIONS

President Emeritus, City  
Attorney's Association of Los  
Angeles County (CAALAC) 2023

President, City Attorney's  
Association of Los Angeles  
County (CAALAC) 2022

Vice-President, City Attorney's

Association of Los Angeles  
County (CAALAC) 2021

Secretary, City Attorney's  
Association of Los Angeles  
County (CAALAC) 2020

Treasurer, City Attorney's  
Association of Los Angeles  
County (CAALAC) 2019

Los Angeles County Bar  
Association

Coif, the Sayre MacNeil Scholars Award, the Dean's Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Ethical Lawyering, and First Honors Awards in 1st Amendment Law, as well as Initiative and Referendum Law. Brian was also appointed a member of the Order of the Coif, the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society and was an Editor on the Loyola Law Review. Brian has also lectured extensively for the City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County ("CAALAC") as well as the University of Southern California, Loyola Law School, and Mount Saint Mary's College.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Brian was an apprentice editor on the movie, *Father of the Bride II*.

### RESULTS

Burke Defends Major Corporation from Suit by Injured Employee of Subcontractor

### INSIGHTS

An Overview of Dangerous Condition of Public Property Liability in California

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Barrett Daffin Frappier Treder & Weiss, LLP v. Garau*, B297827, 2020 WL 6375226, (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 29, 2020), review denied (Jan. 20, 2021)
- *Johnson v. The Raytheon Co.*, 33 Cal. App. 5th 617, 621, 245 Cal. Rptr. 3d 282, 285 (2019)
- *Palassanian v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC* (2011) WL 227992
- *Nunan v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC* (2010) WL 4122706
- *Bell v. Pierce* (2009) WL 475783
- *Chase v. County of Los Angeles* (2007) WL 646241
- *Melek v. City of Ontario* (2006) WL 2925376
- *Acker v. City of Ontario* (2006) WL 540888