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PRACTICES

Constitutional Law
Construction Law
Environmental Land Use and Natural Resources
Insurance Coverage and Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Public Law
Tort Claims and Products Liability

EDUCATION

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2007

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1998

ADMISSION

State Bar of California
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
United States District Court for the Central District of California

AFFILIATIONS

League of California Cities Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy

Chris Neumeyer is a partner and a graduate from Georgetown Law School and UC Berkeley. He provides legal counsel for a broad range of local government law, including the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, land use, zoning, and public works. He regularly provides AB 1234 ethics training. Chris routinely advises on negotiation and preparation of contracts and leases, as well as indemnification and insurance matters. He has drafted agency templates for professional services and public works agreements. He also prepares and drafts local laws, policies, procedures and resolutions. Chris has served as City Attorney for the Cities of Morro Bay and Laguna Niguel, as Deputy City Attorney for the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Whittier, and South Pasadena, and as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Carson.

Chris is a specialist in California election law, including citizen and agency sponsored ballot measures, referendums, special and regular elections, and the federal and California Voting Rights Acts. He advises clients on constitutional law. His expertise in First Amendment law includes forum analysis, commercial speech, the Establishment Clause, and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. He also provides legal counsel on public agency financial matters such as revenue generation, cost recovery fees, Propositions 26 and 218, formation of business improvement districts, development impact fees and assessment districts. Chris is an expert in cannabis law, in both enforcing prohibitions as well as the regulation and taxation of cannabis. He also has a background in civil litigation, with a focus on tort liability, injunctive relief, appeals, and business disputes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Laws, Regulations and Policies.** Extensive background of preparing and drafting ordinances, policies and resolutions, e.g., permitting and regulation of vacation rentals, regulation of second-hand smoke and vaping, local sales tax and UUT ballot measures, overhaul of local agency purchasing ordinance.
- **Public Works.** Projects include a \$160M water reclamation facility

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involving low-interest financing, eminent domain action for pipeline easements, settlement of change order disputes without litigation, and compliance with multiple California and federal regulatory agencies.

- **Land Use.** Experience includes multiyear \$500B application for 600 MW battery energy storage system involving land use amendments, use permits, compliance with Coastal Act, CEQA, and a master plan.
- **Litigation.** Successes include published appellate decisions in collaboration with colleagues: *Costa Mesa v. D'Alessio Investments, LLC*, 214 Cal. App. 4th 358 (2013); and *Maddox v. Costa Mesa*, 193 Cal. App. 4th 1098 (2011).