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*Pronouns: she, her, hers*

Michelle Kenyon provides legal representation for cities and other [public](#) agencies as city attorney and special counsel. Michelle currently serves as City Attorney for the cities of Rohnert Park, Calistoga, Piedmont and Pacifica, Town Attorney for the Town of Moraga, and Special Counsel to several cities in the Bay Area. She previously has served as Acting/Interim City Attorney for many cities including the City of Redwood City, Daly City, Pleasant Hill, and the Town of Danville. Her practice includes advising city councils and staff in all areas of municipal law issues such as annexation procedures, bidding and claims procedures, CEQA, code enforcement, conflicts of interest laws, contract review, elections, Government Tort Claims Act, initiatives, referenda, [land use](#) and planning, municipal finance, open meeting laws, personnel, Proposition 218, and water supply assessments.

Michelle's other areas of specialty include land use [litigation](#) and appellate advocacy. She is experienced in both state and federal trial and appellate courts, including written appearances in the U.S. Supreme Court. She has successfully served as lead attorney in litigation involving CEQA, inverse condemnation, election law, civil rights, Proposition 218 and rent control, with several outcomes garnering published decisions.

### RECOGNITIONS

Selected to Northern California Super Lawyers - 2004, 2007-2010

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Reynolds v. City of Calistoga**, 223 Cal.App.4th 865 (2014)
- **O.W.L. Foundation et al v. City of Rohnert Park**, 168 Cal.App.4th 568 (2008)
- **Chip Worthington v. City Council of Rohnert Park**, 130 Cal.App.4th 1132 (2005)

### PRACTICES

Public Law

Tort Claims and Products  
Liability

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of California,  
Davis School of Law, 1986

B.A., Political Science University  
of California, Berkeley, 1980

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California

Supreme Court of the United  
States

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for  
the Central District of California

United States District Court for  
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for  
the Northern District of  
California

### AFFILIATIONS

League of California Cities,  
Member

League of California Cities,  
Board of Directors, 2017-

present

Public Law Executive  
Committee, State Bar of  
California, 2013-2016

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department,  
Nominating Committee, Chair  
2010

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department,  
President, 2008-2009

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department, First  
Vice President, 2007-2008

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department, Second  
Vice President, 2006-2007

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department,  
Nominating Committee, 1993,  
1996, 2003

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department,  
Legislative Committee,  
1999-2000

League of California Cities, City  
Attorneys Department, Legal  
Advocacy Committee, Chair  
1995-1996, Member 1994-1996

Contra Costa County City  
Attorneys Association, President  
2006

- **Hillsboro Properties v. City of Rohnert Park**, 138 Cal.App.4th 379 (2006)
- **108 Holdings v. City of Rohnert Park**, 136 Cal.App.4th 186 (2006)
- **Citizens to Enforce CEQA v. City of Rohnert Park**, 131 Cal.App.4th 1594 (2005)
- **North Pacifica, LLC v. City of Pacifica**, 234 F.Supp.2d 1053 (2002)
- **Milagra Ridge Partners Ltd. v. City of Pacifica**, 62 Cal.App.4th 108 (1998)
- **Broadmoor Police Protection Dist. v. San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission**, 26 Cal.App.4th 304 (1994)
- **Sierra Lake Reserve v. City of Rocklin**, 938 F.2d 951 (1991) [113 S. Ct. 31; 121 L.Ed.2d 4]
- **Northwood Homes, Inc. v. Town of Moraga**, 216 Cal.App.3d 1197 (1989)