

Amy is a senior attorney in the Public Law Department and Labor and Employment Department of RWG, with more than 40 years of experience representing public entities on advisory and litigation matters. Amy's primary areas of focus include land use, zoning and CEQA matters, mobilehome park rent control and regulation, labor and employment, accommodating individuals with disabilities in employment and in the provision of governmental programs, services and activities under the Americans With Disabilities Act and California disability access laws, and all other aspects of municipal governance, including the interpretation and application of the Brown Act, Public Records Act, and Political Reform Act.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Amy serves as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seal Beach, and also advises a wide range of departments for other firm clients including the Cities of Calimesa, San Bruno, Highland, Indio, Covina, Rancho Cucamonga, Monrovia, Palm Desert, and Redondo Beach. She also serves as a hearing officer for the City of Santa Clarita Manufactured Home Space Rent Adjustment program. Amy previously served as Assistant City Attorney for the Cities of Yucaipa and Laguna Niguel.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining RWG in 1999, Amy served as Litigation Specialist-Deputy City Attorney for the City of Anaheim, and also served as a partner with the law firm of Brunick, Alvarez & Battersby, where she was Assistant City Attorney for the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Highland, and served as special counsel to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, the San Bernardino Community College District, and several county water districts. Amy also previously served as Deputy City Attorney for the City

PRACTICE AREAS

Labor & Employment
Municipal & Public Agency
Law

FOCUS AREAS

Brown Act & Open Government

Discipline & Termination

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Municipal)

Mobilehome Parks & Rent Control

Public Records & E-Documents Rent Control

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz



of Garden Grove, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Oceanside, and Deputy City Attorney for the Cities of Claremont and La Verne.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

COURTS

United States District Court, Central District

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

EXPERIENCE

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

- ▶ Robinson v. City of Yucaipa, 28 Cal.App.4th 1506 (1994) (Represented the City of Yucaipa in defending a challenge to capital improvement rent adjustment procedures under the city's mobilehome park rent control ordinance.)
- City of Highland v. County of San Bernardino, 4 Cal.App.4th 1174 (1992) (Successfully prevailed in challenge to the county's determination of the city's property tax share following incorporation.)

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

Amy's notable projects and experience include:

- Serves as legal advisor to city councils and planning commissions on land use, zoning and CEQA matters.
- Serves as legal counsel advising mobilehome park rent control administrative bodies or as staff advocate on mobilehome park rent increase applications.
- Provides ongoing advice and drafting of mobilehome park rent control ordinances, guidelines and forms as well as ordinances regulating mobilehome park conversions for several cities.
- Provides ongoing advice and assistance in developing policies and procedures for cities to comply with disability access laws in employment and municipal programs, services, and activities.
- Serves as legal advisor to cities on discipline and other civil service matters and drafting of related personnel rules, procedures and policies.



- Provides legal advice and assistance to public agencies in connection with personnel investigations into complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination and other workplace issues and related discipline issues.
- Provides legal advice and assistance to public agencies in connection with employment-related disability accommodation issues, family medical leave and other leaves, and recruitment, training and other personnel issues, as well as collective bargaining, grievances and other representation matters.
- Serves as Manufactured Home Park Space Rent Adjustment Appeal Hearing Officer for the City of Santa Clarita on appeals filed under the Santa Clarita Manufactured Home Park Rent Adjustment Procedures Ordinance.
- Served on the Ad Hoc Practicing Ethics Committee for the League of California Cities (2023).
- Served on the Municipal Law Handbook Editorial Committee for the League of California Cities (2012-2014).
- ▶ Served on the Ad Hoc Due Process Committee for the League of California Cities (2009-2011).

NEWS

The Model Notice Regarding Disability Access Laws Is Now Available in Six Languages on the Division of the State Architect Website

03.07.2019

The Model Notice Regarding Disability Access Laws Is Available on the Division of the State Architect Website 01.02.2019

Cities Must Provide Public Notice Regarding Disability Access Laws to Applicants for Commercial Construction Building Permits and Business Licenses 12.19.2018

PRESENTATIONS

Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors and Officials (AB 1661) Cal Cities Mayor and Council Members Academy, 01.24.2024

Sexual Harassment Training for Supervisors California Special Districts Association, 10.24.2023

Constructing Due Process Walls Following *Morongo* and *Sabey* League of California Cities Annual Conference, 09.18.2021

Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors and Officials (AB 1661) League of California Cities Annual Conference, 09.18.2021



Reasonable Accommodation Under the ADA ACC-OC (Association of California Cities Orange County) Lunch & Learn, 03.25.2020

Legal Nuts and Bolts of Mobile Home Acquisition and Relocation Chapter 67-IRWA, 05.11.2011

Fitness for Duty: A Practical and legal Approach, with Manny Tau, Psy.D, Baron Center, Inc. CALPELRA, 11.16.2005

PUBLICATIONS

Due Process Walls in the City Attorney's Office: Safeguarding Fair Hearings Western City Magazine, 10.2013