

# Chelsea STRAUS

## Associate

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Chelsea Straus is an associate in the Public Law Department at Richards, Watson & Gershon. Chelsea advises public agencies on a wide array of governmental law issues, including conflicts of interest, elections, land use, public works law, and the Public Records Act.

## WORK FOR CLIENTS

Chelsea serves as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Monrovia.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chelsea joined Richards, Watson & Gershon in 2018 as a summer associate. During law school, she was a Discourse Editor for the UCLA Law Review. She also interned at the Alliance for Children's Rights and served in leadership roles for both the American Constitution Society and the Education and Law Society. Prior to her legal career, Chelsea worked as an Education Policy Analyst at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C.

## NEWS

State's Political Contributions Solicitation Ban for Local Government Employees Is Unconstitutional

08.07.2023

City's COVID-19 Residential Eviction Moratorium Upheld

08.31.2021

## PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency Law

## EDUCATION

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

B.A., *cum laude*, Bucknell University

FPPC Revises the “Public Generally” Exception for Public Officials with Conflicts of Interest  
10.07.2020

## PRESENTATIONS

Planning Commissioner Workshop - Inland Empire Section  
American Planning Association, 09.04.2025

The Brown Act in a Modern World  
California Special Districts Association, 08.29.2023

Chelsea Straus and David Lim - A Roadmap to Navigating Prosecutions Under DA Gascón’s New Policies  
Independent Cities Association Winter Seminar, 02.20.2021

## PUBLICATIONS

Local Ballot Measures: The Line Between Information and Campaigning  
*California Special Districts*, Volume 17, Issue 3, May-June 2022

Senate Bill 998: How California Can Effectively Prepare for New Restrictions on Discontinuing Residential Water Service  
*California Special Districts Magazine*, Volume 15, Issue 1, January - February 2020