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Larry has been bringing creative solutions and a positive attitude to solving the complex problems of public entities and land use clients for 30 years. He has negotiated development agreements for projects such as the Montage Hotel, the Waldorf Astoria in Beverly Hills, and the soon to be constructed One Beverly Hills development. His CEQA work includes bringing the Arroyo Seco Festival to the Rose Bowl and previous efforts to bring the NFL to the Rose Bowl. He was instrumental in negotiating the original agreement between the Burbank Airport and the City of Burbank which eventually led to the approval of a new terminal at the Burbank Airport. He was one of the first attorneys to use the design, build, operate, and finance legislation to construct a sewer treatment plant. Larry has served as the City Attorney for Beverly Hills since 1998 where he has an excellent reputation for good judgment and detail oriented work.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Larry is City Attorney for the City of Beverly Hills and General Counsel to the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments. He has also served as the City Attorney for the Cities of Westlake Village and Hidden Hills, and Authority Counsel to the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Larry has been with Richards, Watson & Gershon since law school. While at UCLA Law School, Larry was Editor-in-Chief of the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy, graduated Order of the Coif, and served as an extern law clerk for California Supreme Court Justice Allen Broussard. He has served in various roles at Richards, Watson & Gershon including Public Law Department Chair and President.

PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency
Law

FOCUS AREAS

Airports, Rail & Transit

Land Use Planning & Zoning
(Municipal)

Rent Control

Subdivision Map Act

Taxes, Assessments & Fees

EDUCATION

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

A.B., Princeton University

HONORS & AWARDS

Mr. Wiener has a rating of AV from Martindale-Hubbell, has been named a California Super Lawyer since 2011, and has been named a Best Lawyer by U.S. News & World Report.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Past President, City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County

Past Editor-in-Chief of the California Municipal Law Handbook

Larry served for many years on the Board of the American Jewish World Service and served on the President's Roundtable at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

EXPERIENCE

City of Beverly Hills. Represented the City of Beverly Hills in the negotiation of a complex and novel public/private partnership to develop a luxury hotel, four story underground public parking garage, public plaza and gardens, and publicly owned retail and office building involving a vertical subdivision and transfer of land to the City, a lease back for parking in exchange for five percent of gross revenue and a fixed cost development of City owned plaza and retail and office building.

Tycom Networks. Represented Tycom Networks (US) with regard to landing the first Pacific Rim undersea network cable in California in connection with construction of a fiber optic ring to provide a wired telecommunications link throughout the Pacific Rim.

Rose Bowl. Represented the City of Pasadena and the Rose Bowl Operating Company with regard to CEQA and land-use issues concerning the Arroyo Seco Music Festival and previously concerning the potential temporary relocation of an NFL football team.

NEWS

Join RWG at the 2024 LCC Annual Conference and Expo
10.15.2024

U.S. Supreme Court Clarifies Rules for Public Officials' Personal Social Media Accounts
03.18.2024

PRESENTATIONS

Trolls on Social Media: Can I Block Them?
League of California Cities Annual Conference, 10.17.2024

PUBLICATIONS

Public Officials May Not Block Commenters from Official Social Media Accounts and Posts
California Special Districts, Volume 19, Issue 4, Jul-Aug 2024

Practice under the California Environmental Quality Act (Consultant)
CEB

Co-Author, California League of Cities Proposition 218 Guidebook