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Roxanne advises public clients on public law and land use issues, CEQA, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest and ethics, and the Public Records Act. With more than twenty-five years of experience, Roxanne has established herself as one of the state's leading local government law experts.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Roxanne is City Attorney for the Cities of Maywood and South Pasadena. She has also served as City Attorney for the Cities of Hidden Hills, Indio, Manhattan Beach, and Norwalk. Roxanne is widely respected by City Councilmembers, staff, and community leaders for her knowledge of municipal law, her commitment to transparency, and her calm, practical approach to solving problems. Roxanne assists the public agencies she represents on various legal issues that may range from drafting ordinances and contracts, land use matters and advising on conflict and governance.

Roxanne is active in several professional organizations including the League of California Cities and previously served as Parliamentarian for its annual meeting.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Richards, Watson & Gershon, Roxanne was an extern to the Honorable Thomas E. Carlson, Chief Justice of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California.

HONORS & AWARDS

Managing Editor, *Hastings Women's Law Journal*

PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency Law

FOCUS AREAS

Brown Act & Open Government

Conflicts of Interest and Local Government Ethics

Development Agreements

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Municipal)

Public Records & E-Documents

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco

B.A., California State University, Fullerton

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2004-2007

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Past Parliamentarian, League of California Cities

Past President, City Attorney's Association of Los Angeles County

Past Member, League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee

Past Member, California Special Districts Association Professional Development Committee

Past Member, Education Committee for the California Special Districts Association

Past Board Member, The John Thomas Dye School Board of Trustees, which is located in Los Angeles

Board Member, Students Run Los Angeles

Board Member, Reach Academy for Young Men

EXPERIENCE

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

Roxanne has represented several clients in the area of performing arts including being the lead negotiator on a landmark development agreement with Goldenvoice, LLC, the promoters and owners of the world's largest and most famous music festival franchises, the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and Stagecoach, which take place in the City of Indio every spring. The development agreement ensures that the Coachella and Stagecoach festivals stay in the City of Indio through 2030 and allows Goldenvoice the ability to expand from its current three-festival format to a total of five festivals each year, which it did so with the successful Desert Trip concert event. Roxanne assisted the City of Indio in securing a guaranteed per-ticket fee, which provides much needed revenue to the city, as well as a related reimbursement agreement to ensure the festivals are cost-neutral to the city. In addition, the firm assisted in the preparation and review of a thousand-plus-page unusual environmental impact report that evaluated the environmental effects of "music."

PRESENTATIONS

Your Legal Powers and Obligations; Open Government and Conflicts of Interest
2025 SoCal Mayors and Council Members Academy, 01.29.2025

Rules of Engagement - Are you Ready to Govern?
California Special Districts Association, February 2023

Form 700 - Easier Than It Looks
California Special Districts Association/South Coast Water District, October 2022

Brown Act and Public Records Act
California Special Districts Association/San Bernardino County LAFCO, November 2022

Contract Training
City of Beverly Hills, October 2022

Roxanne Diaz Named League Parliamentarian
League of California Cities Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2019

The Hidden Costs of Tackling Homelessness
California Special Districts Association Annual Conference, September 25-28, 2019

The Hidden Costs of Tackling Homelessness
Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum, June 19, 2019

Insta, Tweet and Snap - Technology and The Public Records Act
West Valley Water District, December 7, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Are You Ready to Govern?
California Special Districts Association Blog, 05.09.2023

The People's Business: A Guide to the California Public Records Act
League of California Cities, Public Records Act Publication Committee, 2008