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Serita represents public agencies in a wide range of governmental law issues including the Brown Act, ethics laws, the Public Records Act, public works law, planning and subdivision law, and contract drafting. With more than sixteen years of experience, Serita has established herself as one of the state's leading local government law experts.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Serita serves as City Attorney for the City of Banning, Assistant City Attorney for the Cities of Covina, Rancho Cucamonga, and Westlake Village, and has previously served as the City Attorney for the City of Artesia. She also serves as General Counsel for First 5 Los Angeles, and as Special Counsel for Inland Behavioral Health Services.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining the firm, Serita participated in externships with the Attorney General's Office of the United States Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Office of the California Department of Justice.

HONORS & AWARDS

Lawyers of Color Hot List (2013)

Senior Articles Editor, *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*

Past Vice President, Loyola Black Law Students Association

PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency Law

FOCUS AREAS

Brown Act & Open Government

Conflicts of Interest and Local Government Ethics

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Municipal)

Public Records & E-Documents

Public Works & Public Contracting

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

B.S., Georgetown University

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles

NEWS

California Attorney General Clarifies Open Meeting Requirements for State and Local Agencies
09.28.2020

Ninth Circuit Upholds City Council Meeting Invocation Policy
04.03.2013

PRESENTATIONS

Online AB1234 Ethics Trainings
L.A. Care, 5-6 per year

Conflicts of Interest and Advanced Ethics Training
City of Sunnyvale, in partnership with the Institute for Local Governments, 02.02.2017

Records Retention and Management
California Special Districts Association, Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, 10.20.2015

PUBLICATIONS

The California Legislature Enacts Senate Bill 1137 to Address Maintenance Problems Posed by Foreclosed Properties
RW&G Advisor, Fall 2008

New Legislation Amending the Ralph M. Brown Act - Senate Bill No. 334
RW&G Advisor, Winter 2008