

Police Practices (Litigation)

Richards, Watson & Gershon provides legal advice and representation to several police departments throughout California, including for the Cities of Beverly Hills, Banning, Brea, Covina, Davis, Fairfield, Indio, Manhattan Beach, Monrovia, Seal Beach, and the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

RWG's Police Practices attorneys are experienced in representing peace officers and public entities in a variety of litigation contexts, including police liability and civil rights actions alleging excessive force, wrongful death, false arrest, false imprisonment, illegal search and seizure, malicious prosecution, personal injury, and other torts. By way of example, RWG's attorneys obtained a unanimous jury verdict on behalf of the City of Brea and a Brea detective in a federal civil rights action arising out of the fatal police shooting of a suspected armed robber who turned out to be unarmed.

Additionally, RWG's attorneys regularly advise police departments on policies and procedures, oppose *Pitchess* Motions, assist in responding to Public Records Act requests and to subpoenas and other discovery requests, and obtain court orders regarding confiscated weapons. RWG's attorneys are experienced in police-related employment matters, provide advice on the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act and represent police departments in disciplinary appeal matters.

RWG's attorneys obtained a gang injunction on behalf of the City of Monrovia against the activities of two rival criminal street gangs. The injunction prohibits members of the two gangs from publicly congregating together, and from engaging in specified activities, within a Safety Zone that the court designated in parts of Monrovia and adjacent unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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