PRACTICES

Constitutional Law

Employment Law and Litigation

Labor Relations

Litigation

Public Law

Tort Claims and Products Liability

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, 1994

B.A., Political Science, American University, 1989

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

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Alan brings thirty-years of experience to the firm's Public Law, Labor and Employment and Litigation Practice groups. Alan is a trusted solution-oriented advisor whose public agency devoted practice spans fifteen years as in-house counsel for the cities of Alameda and Vallejo and over a decade in private practice defending public agencies and their law enforcement agencies in civil rights and tort liability cases.

Alan's specialties include municipal governance, police practices and procedures, labor and employment, energy and utilities, risk management, code enforcement, public contracting and procurement, public finance, the Brown Act, the Fair Political Practices Act and the Public Records Act.

He provides a broad range of counseling, regulatory, litigation and transactional services to locally owned and operated utilities including electric power generation, alternative, renewable and clean energy, power purchase agreements and transmission and interconnection agreements.

Alan's litigation experience includes federal and state trial court and appellate practice which includes police liability and civil rights litigation, dangerous condition and personal injury claims, inverse condemnation, land use, employment, breach of contract, unlawful detainer, tax, public finance, wrongful death lawsuits and writ/mandamus proceedings. In addition, his experience as a litigator provides him with a unique perspective on lawsuit avoidance and he frequently provides counseling, advice, and training to his public agency and law enforcement clients on litigation avoidance, including claims handling and investigation, police policy development and training and sidewalk liability.

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