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Deepa Sharma provides litigation and advisory services to public agency clients throughout California.

Deepa has extensive experience advising clients and litigating in the areas of land use, planning and zoning, inverse condemnation, CEQA, municipal taxation, elections, and constitutional law issues such as due process, equal protection, and the First Amendment. She is also experienced in advising public agency clients on rent stabilization issues, and the implementation of California's new housing laws.

While in law school, Deepa served as a law clerk in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which oversees federal grants to state and local transit providers. She interned at the State of California's Office of Legislative Counsel, where she assisted in drafting legislation in the areas of energy, environmental, transportation, and education law. Deepa also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Maria P. Rivera of the California Court of Appeal, and was a staff editor and executive board member for the Hastings *Constitutional Law Quarterly*.

Before law school, Deepa served as a policy aide in the California State Legislature, and worked as a political consultant to various local and statewide campaigns.

PRACTICES

Litigation

Public Law

Real Estate and Business Law

EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), 2016

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 2009

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

United States District Court for the Central District of California

AFFILIATIONS

California League of Cities Succession and Development Committee

RESULTS

St. Helena Triumphs in Rent Stabilization Measure

PUBLICATIONS

2017 Legal Trends

RECOGNITIONS

Tony Patiño Fellow

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- ***Little Woods Mobile Villa LLC v. City of Petaluma***, 736 F.Supp 3d 757 (N.D. Cal. 2024)—successfully moved to dismiss challenge to mobilehome park closure and rent control regulations
- ***Host International, Inc. v. City of Oakland*****,** 70 Cal.App.5th 695 (2021)—Successfully defended challenge to Tax Board's determination that plaintiff-appellant owed business license taxes, penalties and interest for unreported business activity

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