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Don Larkin is a partner in Burke's Labor and Employment Law and Public Law practice groups, with more than 25 years representing public agencies. As a member of the Labor and Employment team, Don represents and advises agencies in all areas of labor and employment law, including employee discipline, arbitration, and negotiations.

Don also has extensive experience in all other areas of municipal service, specializing in open government laws (Brown Act and Public Records Act), land use and planning, and public safety.

Prior to Joining Burke Williams & Sorensen, Don served as the in-house City Attorney for the City of Morgan Hill, Deputy County Counsel for the County of Santa Clara, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Palo Alto, and Deputy City Attorney for the City of Santa Clara.

PRACTICES

Employment Law and Litigation

Public Law

EDUCATION

J.D., Santa Clara University, School of Law, 1998

B.A., Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1990

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

AFFILIATIONS

Cal Cities (League of California Cities) Public Record Act Committee (2010-2012; 2017-Present)

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Legal Trends

Is Your Agency Ready for a Critical Incident Recording Disclosure

The People's Business: A Guide to the California Public Records Act

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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