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PRACTICES

Public Law

EDUCATION

J.D., National University School
of Law, 1991

M.P.A., National University,
1988

B.A., National University,
Behavioral Science with
Emphasis in Government
Relations and Politics, 1986

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for
the Central District of California

United States District Court for
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for
the Southern District of
California

United States Court of Federal
Claims

AFFILIATIONS

Cal Cities (League of California
Cities) Brown Act Committee
(2013-2019)

Cal Cities Legal Advocacy

Michael Barrett has more than thirty years-experience as a public lawyer, including more than eighteen years as an in-house City Attorney for the City of Napa. Michael's previous in-house experience included the cities of Fremont and Tracy as a deputy and assistant city attorney, and the City of Oceanside as a law clerk. Michael began his legal career in a San Diego firm representing both public and private development and construction clients.

Michael has successfully advised public clients regarding a wide range of legal issues related to the administration and operations of municipal governments and public utilities. Michael has assisted public officials in the establishment and implementation of public revenue generation systems that equitably allocate costs to benefitting parties to fund essential public infrastructure and services. Michael's experience includes the evaluation and preparation of documents needed for ballot materials, charter amendments, property and business owner approved assessment districts, enhanced infrastructure financing districts, and local agency approved ordinances and resolutions establishing fees and rates for services. Michael has extensive experience in complex contractual transactions for large construction projects, multi-agency extra-territorial cooperative agreements, public-private partnerships, negotiating development agreements with private developers, and transfers of public property in compliance with requirements of the surplus land act.

Michael works with public agency client representatives to clearly understand the client's goals and identify the most effective means of achieving those goals while soundly documenting compliance with procedural and substantive legal requirements.

INSIGHTS

Public Law Update - Recent Appellate Cases Exhort Public Agencies to Carefully Document the Proportionate Costs of Services Charged

Committee (2010-2012)

Cal Cities Public Records Act
Task Force (2003-2004)

Cal Cities Transportation,
Communications and Public
Works Policy Committee
(2003-2004)

Cal Cities Public Works
Legislation Advisor (1999-2005)

Cal Cities Proposition 218 Task
Force (1996-1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Open & Public V

Municipal Law Handbook

Charter City Toolkit

Providing Conflict of Interest Advice, A Guide for Local Agency Counsel

The California Municipal Law Handbook