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BIOGRAPHY

Michelle Kenyon provides legal representation for cities and other public agencies as city attorney and special counsel. Michelle currently serves as City Attorney for the cities of Rohnert Park, Calistoga, Piedmont and Pacifica, Town Attorney for the Town of Moraga, and Special Counsel to several cities in the Bay Area. She previously has served as Acting/Interim City Attorney for many cities including the City of Redwood City, Daly City, Pleasant Hill, and the Town of Danville. Her practice includes advising city councils and staff in all areas of municipal law issues such as annexation procedures, bidding and claims procedures, CEQA, code enforcement, conflicts of interest laws, contract review, elections, Government Tort Claims Act, initiatives, referenda, land use and planning, municipal finance, open meeting laws, personnel, Proposition 218, and water supply assessments.

Michelle's other areas of specialty include land use litigation and appellate advocacy. She is experienced in both state and federal trial and appellate courts, including written appearances in the U.S. Supreme Court. She has successfully served as lead attorney in litigation involving CEQA, inverse condemnation, election law, civil rights, Proposition 218 and rent control, with several outcomes garnering published decisions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Reynolds v. City of Calistoga**, 223 Cal.App.4th 865 (2014)
- **O.W.L. Foundation et al v. City of Rohnert Park**, 168 Cal.App.4th 568 (2008)
- **Chip Worthington v. City Council of Rohnert Park**, 130 Cal.App.4th 1132 (2005)
- **Hillsboro Properties v. City of Rohnert Park**, 138 Cal.App.4th 379 (2006)
- **108 Holdings v. City of Rohnert Park**, 136 Cal.App.4th 186 (2006)
- **Citizens to Enforce CEQA v. City of Rohnert Park**, 131 Cal.App.4th 1594 (2005)
- **North Pacifica, LLC v. City of Pacifica**, 234 F.Supp.2d 1053 (2002)
- **Milagra Ridge Partners Ltd. v. City of Pacifica**, 62 Cal.App.4th 108 (1998)
- **Broadmoor Police Protection Dist. v. San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission**, 26 Cal.App.4th 304 (1994)
- **Sierra Lake Reserve v. City of Rocklin**, 938 F.2d 951 (1991) [113 S. Ct. 31; 121 L.Ed.2d 4]
- **Northwood Homes, Inc. v. Town of Moraga**, 216 Cal.App.3d 1197 (1989)

BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Davis School of Law, 1986

B.A., Political Science University of California, Berkeley, 1980

PRACTICES



Public Law
Tort Claims and Products Liability

LOCATIONS

Oakland

ADMISSION

State Bar of California
Supreme Court of the United States
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
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 Northern District of California

AFFILIATIONS

League of California Cities, Member
League of California Cities, Board of Directors, 2017-present
Public Law Executive Committee, State Bar of California, 2013-2016
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Nominating Committee, Chair 2010
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, President, 2008-2009
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, First Vice President, 2007-2008
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Second Vice President, 2006-2007
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Nominating Committee, 1993, 1996, 2003
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Legislative Committee, 1999-2000
League of California Cities, City Attorneys Department, Legal Advocacy Committee, Chair 1995-1996, Member 1994-1996
Contra Costa County City Attorneys Association, President 2006

RECOGNATIONS

Selected to Northern California Super Lawyers - 2004, 2007-2010