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Nira Doherty is an experienced [city attorney](#), [litigator](#), and [land use](#) expert. Her litigation and transactional practices emphasize land use, CEQA, housing and government law issues. She serves as the City Attorney for the City of Menlo Park, General Counsel for the Tahoe Donner Association, and General Counsel for the Tahoe Transportation District.

Nira represents dozens of cities and public agencies, as well as private landowners and developers on land use, zoning, CEQA and Subdivision Map Act matters. She represents clients in all phases of development including entitlement and administrative approvals, general plan updates, CEQA compliance and enforcement of zoning laws.

Nira advises both private and public agency clients on State housing laws including Density Bonus Law, SB 35, Housing Accountability Act, SB 330 and ADU laws. She has negotiated and drafted development agreements and performed affordable housing diligence review.

Nira has also overseen citizen initiatives from inception to election and represented cities in litigation regarding ballot measures. She has successfully served as lead attorney in litigation involving CEQA, general plan updates, inverse condemnation, contract disputes, health and safety receiverships, code enforcement matters, and tort claims.

Nira graduated from UC Davis School of Law where she was a member of the UC Davis Law Review and Editor-in-Chief of the UC Davis Environmental Law and Policy Journal. Nira externed for the former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California and clerked for Judge Steven Bernard of the Colorado Court of Appeals.

PRACTICES

Environmental Land Use and
Natural Resources

Litigation

Public Law

Tort Claims and Products
Liability

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California,
Davis School of Law, 2007

B.A., Summa Cum Laude,
University of California,
Berkeley, 2003

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for
the Northern District of
California

State Bar of Colorado