



PARTNER

Janet E. Coleson

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📍 Walnut Creek

Janet Coleson is a veteran public agency attorney with a long list of municipalities and agencies for whom she has served. Based at Best Best & Krieger LLP's Walnut Creek office, Janet works as city attorney for the City of Pleasant Hill, town attorney for the Town of Fairfax and general counsel for the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District.

She served as city attorney for the City of El Cerrito and provided special counsel services to the cities of Fremont, Vallejo and East Palo Alto.

Janet advises public agency clients on a myriad of issues, and has given numerous presentations and provided training on compliance with the California Public Records Act, the Brown Act and AB 1234.

Prior to joining BB&K as a partner, Janet was with Richards Watson and Gershon in San Francisco. She served as deputy city attorney for the cities of Milpitas and Morgan Hill. Before attending the University of Colorado School of Law, Janet was an environmental and land use planner for the cities of New York and El Segundo.

The Sonoma County resident is a member of the American Planning Association and maintains certification with the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Accolades

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Municipal Law, 2018–2024

CORE PRACTICES

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

California Public Records Act

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Government Policy & Public Integrity

Municipal Law

Police & Public Safety

Special Districts

California Coastal Act

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of Colorado Law School, J.D.

Cornell University, M.R.P.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.S.

Bar Admissions

California

LANGUAGES

English

Professional & Community Involvement

- Manzanita Montessori Charter School, board member