

PARTNER

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Los Angeles

Scott H. Campbell is a partner in the Municipal Law practice group at Best Best & Krieger LLP. Based in the firm's Los Angeles office, his practice concentrates on municipal and public entity representation, construction management and litigation. He has extensive trial experience and is a licensed mediator in the State of California.

City Attorney/General Counsel
Scott serves as the city attorney for the City of Avalon. In his role as city attorney, Scott attends City Council meetings and oversees all legal services. He also serves as general counsel for the Gold Coast Health Plan, a public entity that provides Medi-Cal services to approximately 220,000 residents of Ventura County.

He has also served as general counsel for the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, attending board meetings, providing advice on compliance with the Brown Act and conflict of interest laws, and overseeing legal issues that arise. Scott has attended more than 1,400 Brown Act meetings during his 38 years of practice representing public agencies.

Administrative Law
Scott has served as counsel for Alhambra and Monterey Park Civil Service Commissions, where he has overseen hearings from employees who are appealing disciplinary actions. Over the last 30 years, Scott has handled over two dozen such appeals.

Litigation
Scott has tried over 30 cases ranging from unlawful detainers to civil rights matters. He has first chair experience in court and jury trials. He has also mediated numerous matters including wrongful termination, insurance coverage, breach of contract and construction defect cases.

Public Construction
Scott has supervised public works projects involving more than $14 billion in public funding and has represented cities, special districts and community colleges in hundreds of construction projects. Some of his recent public works and construction projects include:

- Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA): Scott recently advised LAWA on a progressive design-build (PDB) project involving reconfiguring road access to terminals at LAWA in anticipation of future expansion. He is also working

CORE PRACTICES

Airports

Open Government & Ethics

Municipal Law

Mediation

Public Agency Litigation

Public Infrastructure

Health Care

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court

with LAWA on updating their contracting documents for future infrastructure projects.
- Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD): Scott advised LACSD on their recycled water plant project that established a recycled water system that has been successfully operating for a decade.
- City of La Cañada Flintridge: Scott recently advised the City on its City Hall construction project, which converted the headquarters of Sport Chalet into City Hall. He also assisted with all legal issues concerning the design and installation of three new sewer projects worth more than $25 million. His work included supervising all contract disputes and litigation.
- City of Thousand Oaks: Scott re-wrote contracts to bring the City into complete compliance with recently passed laws and to protect the City against contractor claims.
- City of Thousand Oaks: Scott represented the City in a lawsuit regarding defective and incomplete work performed by a contractor, which settled on terms favorable to the City. His work included termination issues and working with a surety to have the work successfully completed.
- Los Angeles Community College District: Scott has represented LACCD in many construction cases involving defective work, termination of contractors and securing replacement contractors to complete work. He has also successfully sued sureties on behalf of LACCD and recovered funds from sureties. He recently rewrote the construction contract documents for the LACCD multi-billion dollar construction program.
- Gold Coast Transit District: Scott supervised all aspects of a $55 million project for a new headquarters for the district, as well as a bus yard and service center that will serve the district's 100 buses. He drafted the bid documents and contract, and is providing ongoing advice on change order requests. The project was successfully completed.

He has presented several papers at the annual League of California Cities conferences and many other conferences and seminars. He was appointed a League Partner Policy Committee Liaison for 2020 to the Transportation, Communications and Public Works Committee. Scott is a past president of the City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County and served on the Board of Directors for St. Anne's Maternity Home for a decade. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Scott is listed as a "Southern California Super Lawyer" for Government and Municipal Law — an honor only 5 percent of lawyers in California receive annually from their peers. In 2014, he was recognized as one of the Top 50 Development Lawyers in California for his work on improving water availability in Avalon Harbor.

Accolades

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Construction Law, 2022–2027
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, State, Local and Municipal, 2006–2007, 2009–2022
- *Irish Legal* 100, 2020, 2024
- Top 50 Development Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2014

Professional & Community Involvement

- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow, 2024 - Present
- League of California Cities, Transportation, Communications and Public Works Committee, League Partner Policy Committee Liaison, 2020
- Former Member of the Board of Directors of St. Anne's Maternity Home and Past President of St. Anne's Foundation City Attorney Association of Los Angeles County, Past President
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member
- The California Club, Member
- The International Map Collectors' Society, Member
- Sons of the American Revolution, Member

- Statewide California Mediation Association, Member

Thought Leadership

Publications

- “BBK Legislation Rundown: The New Laws Impacting California Public Agencies,” *PublicCEO*, Jan. 27, 2021

Presentations

- “Proposals, Bids and Protests and the Effective Use of Counsel,” Construction Lawyers Society of America, International Conference & Induction of Fellows, Oct. 21, 2026
- “Government Public Works Contracts and the Benefits (and Perils) They Present,” Construction Lawyers Society of America International Conference & Induction of Fellows, Sept. 18, 2025
- “Police and Emergency Powers: Limits on Property Rights,” CLE Webinar, Strafford, Sept. 15, 2020
- “Open Government Laws and Ethics,” New Mayors and Council Members Governance Workshop, Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, July 18, 2020
- “Meeting Management: Tips for Efficient and Effective Public Meetings,” 2020 LCC Planning Commissioners Academy, League of California Cities, March 5, 2020
- Webinar “Difficult Meetings: Advice on How to Handle Challenging Situations That May, Okay They Will, Arise in Council Meetings,” Independent Cities Association, June 19, 2019