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Ryan Stager is a Partner in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Municipal Law practice group, where he advises public agencies on a wide range of transactional matters, with a particular focus on housing law issues. Ryan advises clients through complex statutory frameworks, including but not limited to, State Density Bonus Law, Housing Element Law, the Housing Accountability Act, the Housing Crisis Act (SB 330), the Permit Streamlining Act, and state housing laws requiring streamlined ministerial review and approval. He also advises public agencies in connection with their affordable housing programs, including negotiating agreements with affordable and market-rate developers and implementing local inclusionary housing programs.

Prior to joining BBK, Ryan was an associate at a Sacramento-area water law firm, where his practice focused on assisting public and private clients with water and environmental issues. He also advised clients on Propositions 26 and 218, the Ralph M. Brown Act and LAFCO compliance.

While attending the University of California, Davis School of Law, Ryan earned Witkin Awards for Academic Excellence (highest grade in the class) in Business Associations, State and Local Government Law, Federal Income Taxation, Mergers and Acquisitions and California Environmental Issues. Outside the classroom, Ryan competed on behalf of his law school's negotiations team and worked as a legal research and writing and study skills tutor.

Ryan grew up in Chico, Calif. and lives in Irvine. Outside the office, he enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants and exploring Southern California's beaches and hiking spots.

Accolades

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, Municipal Law, 2026

CORE PRACTICES

Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate

Open Government & Ethics

Land Use, Planning & Zoning

Municipal Law

Special Districts

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D., Order of the Coif

University of California, Davis, B.A., political science, with honors

Bar Admissions

California

Thought Leadership

Publications

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- "California Further Expands State Accessory Dwelling Unit Law," *PublicCEO*, Oct. 28, 2026
- “2026 California New Laws: Key Updates & Practical Impacts – Housing Law,” *PublicCEO*, Feb. 5, 2026
- “Governor Newsom Signs Four New Accessory Dwelling Unit Bills,” PublicCEO, November 13, 2025

Presentations

- “Housing Law Jeopardy!” California Housing Community Development Conference & Expo, Dec. 3, 2024