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PRACTICE AREAS

Environment & Natural Resources

Land Use & Zoning

Litigation

Water

PUBLIC OFFICES

CITY ATTORNEY

City of South El Monte

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA

JD 2000

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA

BS 1997

summa cum laude, Class

Valedictorian of the School of

Public Administration

Anthony R. Taylor

Anthony R. Taylor is an equity partner of the firm. Mr. Taylor serves as the co-chair of the Firm's litigation group and as general counsel to the Firm.

Litigation Experience:

Mr. Taylor's litigation experience includes arguing matters before the California Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California Court of Appeal, including numerous published decisions since 2001. Additionally, Mr. Taylor has handled numerous jury and bench trials.

Mr. Taylor has handled business litigation matters, including prevailing in a four week jury trial for the defense of a hotel in a multi-million dollar real estate dispute.

Mr. Taylor has handled plaintiff professional negligence matters and he has obtained multi-million dollar recoveries.

City Attorney Experience:

Mr. Taylor currently serves as City Attorney for South El Monte. Mr. Taylor also previously served as the City Attorney of Suisun City for over 10 years and as the City Attorney of Cypress for six years. Mr. Taylor was named a 2015 California Lawyer Magazine Attorney of the Year in the category of Municipal Law (along with Founding Partner, David Aleshire of the Firm).

Recent Litigation Decisions:

In 2021, Mr. Taylor prevailed for the City of Fresno as the lead litigation counsel in a published Court of Appeal decision concerning a project challenger who sued the City over a city issued land use permit and this published case clarified the legal requirements for the exhaustion of administrative remedies defense. (*Muskan Food & Fuel, Inc. v. City of Fresno* (2021) 69 Cal.App.5th 372).

Mr. Taylor filed an amicus brief for State Water Contractors in *Coachella Valley Water District v. Superior Court* (Roberts) (2021) 61 Cal.App.5th 755, which held that a challenge to a county water district's ad valorem property tax must be brought within the 60-day statute of limitations set forth in Code of Civil Procedure section 860.

In 2020, Mr. Taylor prevailed for the City of Fresno as the lead litigation counsel in a Court of Appeal decision concerning a challenge to the City's water capacity fee ordinance under both Proposition 218 and CEQA.

Seminars presented:

Government Lawyer Ethics Presentation, NBI (2017)

Litigation Skills For Professionals, Lorman (2012 - 2014)

Anthony R. Taylor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015 "California Lawyer" Attorney
of the Year, Municipal Law

Southern CA Super Lawyer Rising
Star - 2006-2013, 2015

Orange County Metro Magazine
Top Attorney - 2011-2013

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

US District Court, Eastern, CA

US District Court, Southern, CA

US District Court, Central, CA

AFFILIATIONS

Orange County Bar Association