



Public Safety



We understand public safety is undoubtedly the most basic community concern of all residents and businesses, and we have significant experience in this extremely important area. Many of our cities devote a quarter to half of their budgets to public safety. In addition, a city's greatest liability exposure arises from the law enforcement function.

Expertise

- Police personnel matters
- Police Officer Bill of Rights
- Police Officer training especially regarding force and risk management
- Pitchess Motions
- Joint Powers and Task Force agreements
- Department contract issues
- Departmental policies and manuals and legal compliance
- Preparation of municipal code misdemeanor / infraction ordinances
- Evaluation and defense of tort claims
- Litigation of civil rights cases
- Claims Statute
- Risk management analysis
- Interface with Sherriff Department in contract cities

Expertise in Action

The Firm not only serves as City Attorney in cities with their own departments, where we handle all legal matters, but also in cities which contract with the Sherriff's Department. Moreover, we serve as special counsel to various cities on many other law enforcement matters. Thus, we are able to work with differing perspectives of councils, city management, departmental

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management, the individual officers, risk management and personnel management. This broad experience contributes to the quality of our representation.

We also deal extensively with complicated conflict issues in the representation of police officers. As an important attribute of our practice, we take great pride in maintaining the confidence of police personnel, while assisting management in exercising its supervision of the department.

We pride ourselves on our ability to mobilize resources to expedite the handling of police issues as they arise. Besides handling all legal matters in a number of our client cities which have their own departments, we have provided legal services to the following cities in the area of civil rights, police litigation and other civil litigation matters: Adelanto, Banning, Bell Gardens, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Inglewood, Irwindale, La Palma, Long Beach, Newport Beach, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Sierra Madre, Signal Hill, the State of Rhode Island, Temple City and Westminster.