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## PRACTICE AREAS

Government and Public Agency Law

Education Law

Health Care Law

Labor and Employment

## BAR ADMISSION

California

Washington

Pennsylvania

Navajo Nation (Inactive)

## EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School  
of Law, J.D.

University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A.

## David Kahn

### Of Counsel

#### EXPERIENCE

Mr. Kahn advises and represents both public agency and non-profit clients on public agency law, education, health care law, and labor and employment. Mr. Kahn brings to his clients over 43 years of diverse public agency and higher education experience and creative solutions to complex issues. Most recently, Mr. Kahn was Associate General Counsel for the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Health System from 2015-2023. Mr. Kahn has over 30 years' experience representing many elected boards and appointed boards including city councils and planning commissions, and advising city managers on legal aspects of city management issues.

Mr. Kahn has also represented the City and County departments as chief counsel. Former clients include Planning, Human Resources, Police and Fire, Finance and Public Works, Superior Court, Civil Grand Jury, County airports, and Tax Collectors. Mr. Kahn has substantial litigation and appellate advocacy experience. He received the 2003 County Counsel Litigation Award and is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Representative former cases and issues Mr. Kahn has provided advice and representation on include:

- Advice to and representation of major academic medical system in multiple high-value transactional matters. (e.g. \$4 Billion pharmaceutical contract; asset purchase for physician practice acquisitions).
- Representation of university in NIH foreign influence investigations.
- Advice to faculty and administration on complex educational law issues.
- Representation of public agency in CEQA and land use review of major Bayfront development project, and CEQA litigation in multiple matters.
  - Representation of public agency in \$750 million mixed-use redevelopment project including environmental remediation.
  - Personnel investigations involving high-level executive positions.
  - Representation of private equity group in land use review and negotiations with public agency for major office project.
  - Representation of large public agency in public safety grievance and interest arbitrations.
  - Representation of multiple Redevelopment Oversight Boards for California cities.
  - Advice on military base closure and reuse.
  - Representation of County in 2003 PGE bankruptcy litigation.

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

Prior to re-joining Sloan Sakai as Of Counsel in 2024, Mr. Kahn was Associate General Counsel for the University of Pennsylvania and its Health System and hospitals. From 2012-2014, he was a Partner at Sloan Sakai and served as City Attorney for the City of Brisbane and General Counsel for Marin Sanitation District No. 5. He was City Attorney/Redevelopment Agency General Counsel for the City of Sunnyvale for seven years. From 2000-2005, Mr. Kahn was Senior Deputy County Counsel for the County of Santa Clara. From 1995 to 2005, Mr. Kahn served as City Attorney for the City of Mercer Island, Washington. Mr. Kahn was Deputy City Attorney/Chief of Litigation for Bellevue, Washington, from 1988-2007. Mr. Kahn was Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco from 1986-1988, and a Deputy Public Defender for Santa Clara County from 1981 to 1985. During law school, Mr. Kahn was an extern to the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, as well as a law clerk with DNA Legal Services on the Navajo Nation.

## REPORTED APPELLATE CASES

- Pfeiffer v. City of Sunnyvale, 200 Cal. App. 4th 1552 (2011)
- Trinity Park LP v. City of Sunnyvale, 193 Cal. App. 4th 1014 (2011)
- Sunnyvale West Neighborhood Assoc. v. City of Sunnyvale City Council, 190 Cal. App. 4th 1351 (2010)
- Van't Rood v. County of Santa Clara, 113 Cal. App. 4th 549 (2003)
- Zilog v. Superior Court, 86 Cal. App. 4th 1309 (2001)
- Lillian F. v. Superior Court, 160 Cal. App. 3d 314 (1984)
- Peterson v. City of Bellevue, 56 Wash. App. 1 (1989)
- Crippen v. City of Bellevue, 61 Wash. App. 251, cert. denied 117 Wash. 2d 1015(1991)
- Rozner v. City of Bellevue, 116 Wash. 2d 342 (1991)
- IAFF v. City of Bellevue, 119 Wash. 2d 373 (1992)
- Mull v. City of Bellevue, 65 Wash. App. 245 (1992)
- Bellevue 120th Associates v. City of Bellevue, 65 Wash. App. 594, cert. denied 818 P. 2d 1098

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- California League of Cities, Brown Act Committee (2011-2014)
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- National Health Law Association
- *California League of Cities Legal Advocacy Committee (2007-09)*
- Washington State Bar Association, Trustee
- United States District Court Magistrate Judge Selection Committee
- Chair, United States District Court Pro Bono Committee(1996)