

Comprehensive Code Enforcement

Overview

Best Best & Krieger LLP is the leader in advising municipalities throughout California, assisting local communities in their efforts to improve quality of life and address nuisances that impact public health and safety. Working closely with city enforcement teams, our Comprehensive Code Enforcement attorneys help clients utilize all of the tools available to meet their code enforcement needs. We assist in selecting effective yet cost-efficient options to achieve compliance, enhance public health and safety, rehabilitate properties, and maintain safer, cleaner neighborhoods.

Unrivaled Experience

As a full-service law firm with a focus on the representation of public entities, we offer unrivaled experience in addressing all of our clients' needs. Our team provides pre-litigation general counsel advice, serves as city prosecutor in misdemeanor prosecutions, obtains civil remedies, such as injunctions and receiver appointments, and represents clients in administrative hearings and in courts at all levels.

Comprehensive Service

BB&K lawyers assist municipalities and public agencies with all aspects of code compliance, enforcement and police issues, including:

- Abatement and inspection warrants, including demolition of buildings
- Administrative citations, fines and appeal proceedings
- Cannabis-related issues
- Civil litigation, writ proceedings and appeals
- Criminal prosecutions
- Drafting, interpretation and enforcement of ordinances, policies and regulations
- Graffiti abatement
- Gun confiscations
- Gun Violence Restraining Orders
- Massage parlor abatements
- Nuisance abatement actions and pursuit of liens and assessments
- Permitting and license revocations
- *Pitchess* motions
- Receiverships

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Municipal

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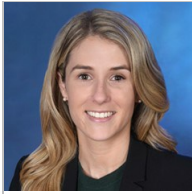
Business Licensing & Franchising

Charters & Internal Organizations

Economic Development, Real Estate & Affordable Housing

As a leader in the abatement of substandard housing under the California housing law and in the creative use of civil code enforcement remedies, BB&K not only helps clients with compliance efforts, we help them assure the continued viability of enforcement programs to enforce laws and pursue violators.

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Public-Private Partnerships

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Transportation

Water

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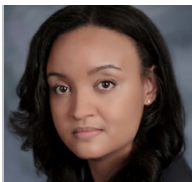
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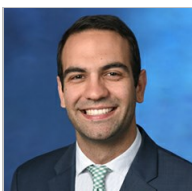
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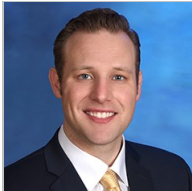
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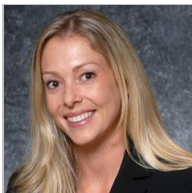
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News & Events

BB&K WEBINAR | NOV 20, 2019

Clearing the Smoke: 3 Years of Legal Cannabis in

California

BB&K Free Webinar

LEGAL ALERTS | OCT 17, 2019

Red-Flag Law Expands

California's Gun Violence Restraining Order Law Bolstered by Newly Signed Bills

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 31, 2019

City's Ability to Keep Firearms Away From Dangerous Individuals Affirmed

Ninth Circuit Determines City Did Not Have to Return guns to Wife Because Husband Posed Threat

PRESS RELEASES | APR 24, 2019

BB&K's Christi Hogin and Andre Monette Honored for Amicus Work by IMLA

The Attorneys Argued About Short-Term Rentals and the Clean Water Act in the Ninth Circuit

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | MAR 26, 2019

Gun Violence Restraining Orders

A Valuable, Rarely Used Tool Against Violence, Writes Denise Grimes in PublicCEO

LEGAL ALERTS | MAR 25, 2019

Simultaneous Federal and State Court Actions on Code Violations?

Ninth Circuit Says Yes... In Rare Instances

EVENT | MAR 14, 2019

CAALAC 2019 Biennial Retreat

City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | FEB 08, 2019

Open Secrets: Police Records and the PRA

BB&K's Christine Wood and Alexander Brand Go In-Depth on SB 1421 in Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 23, 2019

New California Cannabis Regulations Approved

OAL Approves Cannabis Delivery and Other Regulations

PRESS RELEASES | DEC 19, 2018

Cities' Struggles to Meet Obligations Are Real — BB&K Municipal Law Team Grows to Help

New and Expanded Services and More Attorneys and Staff Added in 2018

PRESS RELEASES | OCT 01, 2018

BB&K Attorney Todd Leishman Testifies Before Congress on Sober Living Home Regulations

Expresses Need for Local Regulation of Recovery Businesses

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 12, 2018

Code Enforcement Changes in California

Three Bills Signed, More Potentially on the Horizon

LEGAL ALERTS | AUG 14, 2018

Coming to Your Town Soon: Cannabis (Maybe)

State's Proposed Permanent Marijuana Regulations Limit Local Authority

EVENT | JUN 26, 2018

Marijuana Policy Updates

IMLA Webinar

EVENT | JUN 20, 2018

Short-Term Rental Task Force Meeting

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

PRESS RELEASES | JUN 07, 2018

Isabel Safie and Jill Tremblay Return to 2018 So. Cal. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

The BB&K Attorneys Acknowledged Again for Practice Achievements

PRESS RELEASES | MAY 17, 2018

Victoria Hester Earns Spot on Top 40 Under 40 List

San Diego Daily Transcript Recognizes the Area's Young Professionals

EVENT | MAY 08, 2018

Impact of Cannabis Business to State and Local Governments

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PRESS RELEASES | APR 02, 2018

Jenkins & Hugin Joins Forces with Best Best & Krieger

Combination Creates Municipal Law Powerhouse Committed to Public Service

EVENT | MAR 08, 2018

Sober Living Facilities

IMLA Webinar

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | MAR 01, 2018

New Laws Part II: 2018 Ushers in Changes to Land-Use, Development Laws

PublicCEO

BB&K WEBINAR | FEB 13, 2018

Free Municipal Law Webinar Series from BB&K

Legal Issues that Matter Most to California Cities

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 11, 2018

2018 California Public Agency Laws – Part III

Cannabis, LAFCO Law and a Round Up of Other New Laws Impacting Public Agencies

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 11, 2018

New Fed Cannabis Policy Hits California Local Government

Potential Fiscal Impacts and Confusion

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 10, 2018

2018 California Public Agency Laws – Part II

Housing and Land Use, Environment, Public Property/Public Works and Economic Development

EVENT | OCT 19, 2017

26th Annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite

State Bar of California Environmental Law Section

EVENT | OCT 13, 2017

Cannabis Law Forum

2017 CMRTA Annual Conference

| OCT 05, 2017

[WEBINAR] So You Want to Regulate Marijuana in Your Community

BB&K Municipal Law Webinar Series

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | SEP 28, 2017

Town vs. Gown

How Land Use and Environmental Laws Mediate Disputes Between Universities, Colleges and Communities

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 27, 2017

CEQA Compliance for Commercial Cannabis Business Licensing under MAUCRSA

Proposal Open to Comments

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 20, 2017

The Smoke Clears? AB 133 Passes

Bill Makes Numerous Changes to California Cannabis Laws — Effective Immediately

LEGAL ALERTS | AUG 23, 2017

City's On-site and Off-site Business Signs Distinction Upheld

Ninth Circuit Says Code is Proper Regulation of Commercial Speech

LEGAL ALERTS | AUG 18, 2017

Fire Protection Districts' Authority to Enforce State Fire Marshal Standards and Regulations Reiterated in California AG Opinion

Local Agencies' Broad Authority Emphasized

BB&K IN THE NEWS | JUL 24, 2017

Why Some California Counties Are Saying No to Commercial Cannabis

Cities Have Options Under the Law, Partner Jeffrey Dunn Told The Recorder

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 10, 2017

Ninth Circuit Panel Rejects Challenges to a California City's Misleading Commercial Speech Ordinance

Local Governments' Authority to Regulate for False Advertising Affirmed

LEGAL ALERTS | JUN 27, 2017

New California Law Simplifies and Harmonizes Medical and Recreational Cannabis Regulations

Bill Collapses Two into One Regulatory Scheme

LEGAL ALERTS | JUN 21, 2017

CEQA Review of Cannabis Regulations

Comment Period Opens on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report of MCRSA and AUMA

EVENT | MAY 04, 2017

Medical & Recreational Marijuana in California

County Counsels' Association of California

EVENT | MAY 03, 2017

City Attorneys' Spring Conference

League of California Cities

| APR 27, 2017

[WEBINAR] Short-Term Rentals: Burdens and

Opportunities

BB&K Webinar on Short-Term Vacation Rentals Like Airbnb, VRBO, and Flipkey

BB&K EVENT | APR 27, 2017

Short-Term Rentals: Burdens and Opportunities

BB&K Free Webinar

EVENT | APR 05, 2017

Cannabis Economics and Regulations

2nd Annual Regional Mayor's Summit

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | MAR 28, 2017

Solving the Problem of the Unchecked Rise of Short-Term Rentals

By Mark A. Easter, Joshua Nelson and Todd R. Leishman

| FEB 02, 2017

[WEBINAR] From Code Compliance to Fighting Fire Traps: Injunctions, Receiverships and Other Remedies

Third in a Three-Part BB&K Webinar Series

| JAN 26, 2017

[WEBINAR] From Code Compliance to Fighting Fire Traps: Criminal Prosecution

Second in a Three-Part BB&K Webinar Series

| JAN 19, 2017

[WEBINAR] From Code Compliance to Fighting Fire Traps: Administrative Remedies

First in a Three-Part BB&K Webinar Series

BB&K EVENT | JAN 19, 2017

From Code Compliance to Fighting Fire-Traps: How to Deal with Dangerous Dwellings in Your City

Free Three-Part Webinar Series: Jan. 19., Jan. 26 and Feb. 2

| JAN 12, 2017

[WEBINAR] Prop. 64: Taxing Marijuana Businesses

Third Webinar Jan. 12: Taxing Marijuana Businesses - Local Gov't Authority, Limits and Possible Implications

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 22, 2016

Looking Forward: New California Laws for Public Agencies

Laws Passed in 2016 That Will Impact Public Agency Work

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 14, 2016

Transient Occupancy (Hotel) Taxes May be Limited by Ruling

Online Booking Rates Addressed by California Supreme Court

| DEC 01, 2016

[WEBINAR] Prop 64: The Basics

Cultivating New Regulations and Confronting New Challenges Presented By Marijuana Legalization

BB&K EVENT | NOV 30, 2016

Free BB&K Webinar Series: Prop. 64 - Legalized Marijuana: Challenges and Choices

First in Series on Prop. 64: The Basics - Cultivating New Regulations and Confronting New Challenges Presented by Marijuana Legalization

VIDEOS | NOV 22, 2016

Jeff Ballinger Video Bio

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VIDEOS | NOV 18, 2016

John Brown Video Bio

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LEGAL ALERTS | NOV 17, 2016

Marijuana Legalization Creates New Challenges and Choices for Local Governments in California

Regulators Should Act to Ensure Communities are Prepared for Recreational

LEGAL ALERTS | NOV 08, 2016

Billboard Regulations: Cities and Counties

No State Preemption of Local Billboard Regulations, California Appellate Court Finds

BB&K IN THE NEWS | SEP 12, 2016

Cities Mull Means to Smoke Out Tax Revenue from Recreational Weed

BB&K Partner Jeffrey Dunn Speaks with L.A. Business Journal on Prop. 64

BB&K IN THE NEWS | AUG 24, 2016

Ninth Circuit Upholds Ban on Mobile Ads in Los Angeles, Other California Cities

BB&K Attorney Victoria Hester Discusses Ruling with Legal Newline

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 13, 2016

Ninth Circuit Upholds Cities' Regulation of Mobile Billboards

Ordinances Declared Content-Neutral

PRESS RELEASES | APR 26, 2016

BB&K Attorney Todd Leishman Honored by IMLA for Amicus Brief in Billboard Ban Case

California Appellate Court Sided with City in Victory for Local Governments

LEGAL ALERTS | FEB 01, 2016

City Ordinance Banning New Outdoor Billboards, but Authorizing Relocated Ones, Upheld by California Court

Authorizing Relocated Ones Upheld by Court; Constitutional Challenges Rejected; Injunction Order to Remove Billboard Affirmed

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 02, 2015

Arizona Town's Content-Based Sign Rules Struck Down by U.S. Supreme Court

Local Agencies Urged to Review Sign Codes in Favor of Content-Neutral Rules

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | APR 29, 2015

2014 Legislative Highlights

BB&K Attorney Michael Maurer Co-Authored a California Real Property Journal In-Depth Round-Up of the 2014 California Legislative Session

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 29, 2014

New Law Expands Local Control Over Massage Industry

Law Revises Legislation Set to Sunset This Year
