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Tyree K. Dorward focuses primarily on general education law, school business and facilities issues, as well as public works purchasing, bidding and construction issues.

School Business & Facilities

Ty counsels school districts and community colleges on a wide range of general education law, business and governance issues, such as the Brown Act, Public Records Act and other business issues including, but not limited to, purchase and asset management of real property, energy conservation measures, technology procurement/use and other Education Code compliance issues. Ty also advises school districts and community colleges on all aspects of school facilities construction, modernization and operation including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and regulation by federal and state agencies. Ty's knowledge in these areas also includes school site acquisition, alternative school construction delivery methods like lease-leaseback and design-build, as well as the permissible uses of school facilities under the Civic Center Act/Education Code and the collection of development impact fees/developer mitigation issues.

Public Works

In addition to his work with school districts and community college districts, Ty works with a variety of other public agencies in all matters associated with public works purchasing, bidding, and construction, including drafting contract language, resolving bidding and bonding issues, prevailing wage law issues, addressing stop notice claims, as well as architectural and construction disputes. Ty's background in public works also includes extensive experience with alternative construction delivery methods including design-build, construction management multi-prime and at-risk, as well as the traditional design-bid-build method.

Ty regularly participates in and speaks at workshops and training sessions with a variety of school district organizations including the Coalition for Adequate School Housing, the California Association of School Business Officials, the California School Boards Association and the Community College Facility Coalition.

Professional & Community Involvement

- San Diego County Bar Association

CORE PRACTICES

Board Governance & Administration
Business Services & School Facilities
Education Law
Municipal Law
Public Infrastructure
School Finances, Developer Fees & Mitigation
Special Districts
California Public Records Act

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Davis, B.S., environmental policy analysis and planning

Bar Admissions

California

- Coalition for Adequate School Housing, Legislative Advisory Committee
- California Association of School Business Officials
- California School Boards Association
- Community College Facility Coalition

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "California Public Works Contractors Must Register With State by March 2015" *PublicCEO*, Aug. 19, 2014 (via *BBKnowledge*)
- "Leading Lawyers on Understanding Recent Developments on K-12 Campuses," chapter of "Emerging Trends in Education Law," Aspatore Books, January 2014
- "FCC Seeks Input to Improve E-Rate School & Library Technology Program," *BB&K Legal Alert*, July 24, 2013
- "Top 10 Changes to Stop Notice Procedures for Public Agencies," *BB&K Legal Alert*, July 30, 2012
- "New Compliance Monitoring Unit To Administer Statewide Prevailing Wage Labor Compliance Program," *BB&K Legal Alert*, Jan. 6, 2012

Presentations

- "From Bond to Building: Tracking the Capital Improvement Pipeline, Funding, Procurement, and Delivering K-12 Projects in Today's High-Cost Environment," Bisnow Southern California K-12 School Real Estate & Facilities Summit, June 2, 2026
- "P3 and Alternative Project Deliver 201 (not 101!): What In-House Counsel Needs to Know," County Counsels' Association of California Fall Public Works & Contracts Study Section Meeting, Sept. 18, 2025
- "DBIA WPR General Session Panel: Progressive Design-Build," Design-Build Institute of America Western Pacific Region Annual Regional Conference and Awards Program, May 23, 2024
- "Before and After Bid Day: A 'How to' and 'Howdy' Session," California Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference & California School Business Expo, March 31, 2022
- "CUPCCA: Public Works Simplified," California Association of School Business Officials Training, Sep. 22, Sep. 25, and Oct. 16, 2017