

PARTNER

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📍 Indian Wells



Carlos Campos is a partner and serves as the managing partner of Best Best & Kreiger LLP's (BBK) Indian Wells office. As a member of the firm's Municipal Law and Special District practice groups, Carlos' practice emphasizes all aspects of governmental law, including the Brown Act, the Public Record Act, and the Political Reform Act, land use and planning, election law, and environmental/natural resources law.

Carlos serves as city attorney for the city of Colton and serves as general counsel to its affiliated entities, a position he has held for over 10 years. He also served as city attorney for the cities of Coachella for more than 15 years and Calexico for more than 10 years, both of which continue to be represented by BBK as city attorney. Carlos also represents several cities throughout the state as special counsel and has served as planning agency counsel to several cities. He is also general counsel to public cemetery districts and the Salton Sea Authority, California's largest inland lake. Carlos also provides legal services to community colleges and joint power authorities.

Active in the community, Carlos often makes presentations on public agency topics to elected officials and attorneys, and has spoken recently to groups in California, Michigan and Washington, D.C. He has also served as a member of the League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee.

Prior to joining BBK, Carlos researched and assisted in preparing published articles and a book with Professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza, worked with individuals seeking refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention at a non-governmental organization in The Hague, Netherlands, and co-taught legal seminars at the Catholic Superior School of Law in Jeremie, Haiti.

Carlos was a research assistant at the Interlaw Foundation in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he worked on Central American legal and policy issues and on cases before the Organization of American States Inter-American Court. He was also a research assistant at the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, now housed at the University of Southern California.

While attending law school, he was a founding member of one of the school's law journals and studied abroad at Leiden University, the Netherlands. During undergraduate school, he studied abroad in Mexico, England and Costa Rica.

In his spare time, Carlos enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors.

CORE PRACTICES

- Open Government & Ethics
- Land Use, Planning & Zoning
- Municipal Law
- Special Districts
- California Public Records Act

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

- UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), J.D.
- Pitzer College, B.A., political and labor studies, with honors

Bar Admissions

- California

Accolades

- *Palm Springs Life* Top Lawyers, 2017
- Top 70 Lawyers in Coachella Valley, *Palm Springs Life*, 2014

Professional & Community Involvement

- League of California Cities, City Attorneys' Department, Legal Advocacy Committee, 2019-2020
- Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley, Board of Directors
- One Future Coachella Valley, Chair
- International Municipal Lawyers Association
- National Association of Latino Elected Officials
- Mexican-American Bar Association
- Desert Bar Association