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Los Angeles

Lauren serves as City Attorney for the cities of West Hollywood and Hidden Hills, as legal counsel for the Westside Cities Council of Governments and the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation, and as special land use counsel for many of the firm's clients. She also served as the interim City Attorney for the City of Downey from 2022-2023.

Lauren's practice consists of advising city clients on land use, zoning, environmental and housing laws (including Density Bonus Law, the Housing Accountability Act, the Housing Crisis Act (SB 330) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)). Lauren also drafts legislation and contracts and advises on all other legal issues associated with Municipal Law practice, such as the Brown Act and California Public Records Act.

In addition to her land use and Municipal Law experience, Lauren is highly skilled in drafting and implementing other critical and complex municipal ordinances for her city clients in areas such as tenant protection, cannabis regulation, density bonus and wireless infrastructure. Lauren also handles litigation matters for her city clients. Lauren enjoys practicing Municipal Law, as it allows her to work on issues that are critical to the community and impact people's daily lives — everything from safe streets to housing to the environment. Lauren focuses on building relationships with clients and consensus among all stakeholders to help cities run well and manage their issues. Before joining Best Best & Krieger LLP, she practiced at Jenkins & Hogin for 12 years.

Lauren served as the chair of the League of California Cities City Attorneys' Cannabis Regulation Committee, and served on the Committee from 2011 to 2021. She also served as a member of the League's Attorney Development and Succession Commission. She regularly presents trainings and seminars on housing and land use issues, and the Brown and Public Record Acts. Lauren lives in Los Angeles, where she spends her free time gardening, cooking and exploring the City with her husband and daughters.

Accolades

- *Los Angeles Business Journal* Top 100 Lawyers, 2022

CORE PRACTICES

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

California Public Records Act

Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation

Open Government & Ethics

Land Use, Planning & Zoning

Municipal Law

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Southwestern Law School, J.D.

University of Arizona, B.S., business administration

Bar Admissions

California

- *Daily Journal* 40 Under 40 List, 2018
- Named a Cannabis Law Expert by *Databird*, November 2018

Professional & Community Involvement

- League of California Cities', City Attorney's Department, Cannabis Regulation Committee, 2011-2021; chair, 2020-2021 and Attorney Development and Succession Committee, 2019-2023.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "2026 California New Laws: Key Updates & Practical Impacts – Housing Law," *PublicCEO*, Feb. 5, 2026
- "What the Beep? Limits of Public Comment During Brown Act Meetings," California Special Districts magazine, Volume 10, Issue 4, July/August 2024
- "Church Sues Colorado Town to be Able to Shelter Homeless in Trailers, Work 'Mandated by God'," *ABC News*, July 24, 2024
- "Implementing the Brown Act in the Digital Age," *Daily Journal*, Sept. 13, 2018
- "Navigating RLUIPA: Recent Developments in Religious Land Use Litigation" League of California Cities City Attorneys' Department, 2015
- "Municipal Regulation of Medical Marijuana: A Comprehensive Review of Federal and State Law" League of California Cities City Attorneys' Department, 2012
- "The Legal Basis for Allowing Medical Marijuana Operations," *Western City* Magazine, 2010

Presentations

- "Housing Law Update: What Passed and What's Next," California Association of Councils of Governments Housing Conference Webinar Series, Nov. 17, 2026
- "Beyond the Bill: Putting AB 130 into Practice," California Association of Councils of Governments Housing Conference Webinar Series, Oct. 29, 2026
- "AB 1234 Ethics Training," California Contract Cities Association Annual Municipal Seminar, May 16, 2026
- "Housing Approvals and Density Mandates," League of California Cities City Attorneys Spring Conference, May 13, 2026
- "Housing and Continuum of Care," Greater Ontario Business Council, Vision 2026, Feb. 6, 2026
- "State Streamlining or Curtailing Local Control? AB 130/SB 131," Arizona State University, California Land Use Law and Planning Conference, Jan. 23, 2026
- "Essential Hour: Your First Planning Commission Meeting," League of California Cities Webinar, Aug. 8, 2025
- Conference Co-Chair and Closing Remarks, Argent Communications Group California Land Use Law & Policy Annual Conference, May 21, 2025
- "Implementing 'Builder's Remedy': Case Studies," Argent Communications Group California Land Use Law & Policy Annual Conference, May 21, 2025
- "Housing Law Jeopardy," League of California Cities Annual Conference, Oct. 17, 2024

- "'What the Bleep!' Limits of Public Comment," California Special Districts Association Annual Conference, Sept. 10, 2024
- Conference Co-Chair and Welcome Remarks, California Land Use Law, Policy and Planning Annual Conference, Feb. 15, 2024
- "'What the Bleep!' Limits of Public Comment," UCLA Extension CEQA Updates: Issues and Trends in 2023. Dec. 6, 2023
- "'What the Bleep!' Limits of Public Comment," League of California Cities Annual Conference, Sept. 21, 2023
- "Under One Roof: Summary of New Housing Laws for 2023," BBK Webinar, March 29, 2023
- "Practicum on Discretionary Review of Development Projects," League of California Cities Attorney's Department, March 2023
- "Understanding Public Service Ethics Laws and Principles (AB 1234)," League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy, Feb. 2, 2023
- Conference Co-Chair and Moderator, California Land Use Law, Policy and Planning Annual Conference, Dec. 7, 2022
- "When The Going Gets Tough: Navigating the Brown Act in Tricky Situations," CLA Open Meetings and Open Records Conference, April 7, 2022
- Conference Co-Chair, Moderator, and Presenter, California Land Use Law, Policy and Planning Annual Conference, Nov. 2021
- "Housing Law Update," League of California Cities Annual Conference , Oct. 8, 2020
- "The Brown Act: The People's Business and the Right to Access," BBK Webinar, Sept. 16, 2020
- "Development and Land Use in the Age of COVID-19," Continuing Education of the Bar Webinar, May 26, 2020
- "Clearing the Smoke: 3 Years of Legal Cannabis in California," BBK Webinar, Nov. 20, 2019
- "The Commission's Tribal Consultation Guidance: Update on the Tribal Consultation Policy," Continuing Legal Education International Annual California Coastal Law Conference, Nov. 15, 2018
- "Brown Act Traps and Escape Routes," Public Law Section of the California Lawyer's Association California Public Records and Open Meetings Conference, April 27, 2018
- "New Considerations in Preparing Administrative Records: How the San Jose Case Has Impacted Traditional Practices," LSI Advanced CEQA Seminar, Sept. 2017
- "Workshop on Cannabis Rules and Regulations," South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Aug. 2017
- "Marijuana and California Real Estate," Los Angeles County Bar Association, May 2017
- "Navigating RLUIPA: Recent Developments in Religious Land Use Litigation," League of California Cities City Attorneys' Spring Conference, May 2015
- "Seminar on the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit," Los Angeles County Bar Association, Jan. 2013
- "Stormwater Regulation 101," Tri-Counties Government Attorneys' Association, Feb. 2013