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Joanna Gin is an attorney in Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law practice group. She joined BBK in 2018 and serves as assistant city attorney for the City of Winters. Joanna also serves as the deputy general counsel for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and general counsel for the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District, Lake County Fire Protection District, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District. In addition to general public agency work, Joanna focuses on elections, solid waste, including the implementation of SB 1383 regulations, and compliance with Propositions 218 and 26.

Prior to attending law school, Joanna worked in legislative affairs for nearly a decade in Sacramento. Joanna was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the position of assistant deputy director in the Office of Legislative Affairs at the Department of General Services. While there, Joanna helped oversee the office in the preparation of legislative analyses and policy recommendations relating to state contracts and property. During that time, she participated in the Leadership for Government Executives course at California State University, Sacramento, sponsored a Leadership for Government Supervisors cohort and spearheaded a department-wide food drive that raised a record 28,000 pounds of food for the Sacramento Food Bank. Joanna also worked as a policy consultant with the Assembly Business and Professions Committee at the State Capitol. In this role, she provided guidance to legislators and their staff on legislation related to licensed professionals.

While in law school, Joanna clerked for the Sacramento City Attorney's Office and assisted the civil litigation and advisory units on municipal affairs.

Accolades

- Witkin Award for Scientific Evidence

Professional & Community Involvement

- Sacramento County Bar Association

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Election Law

Fees, Taxes & Assessments

Special Districts

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

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

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., political science & English, with honors

Bar Admissions

California

- Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento
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Thought Leadership

Publications

- “Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry Technique: In Scientific Evidence, Even ‘Gold Standard’ Techniques Require Close Scrutiny,” co-author, Thomson Reuters *Criminal Law Bulletin*, Vol. 56, No. 1.
- “Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS): In Scientific Evidence, Even ‘Gold Standard’ Techniques Have Limitations,” co-authored UC Davis Legal Studies Research Paper, Sept.6, 2018

Presentations

- "Rate Setting Under Propositions 218 and 26," California Special Districts Association Virtual Workshop, Mar. 30 & 31, 2022
- "Annual Public Law Update 2022," Sacramento County Bar Association Public Law Section, Feb. 4, 2022
- "Rate Setting under Propositions 218 & 26," California Special Districts Association Workshop, Apr. 14 & 15, 2021
- "Annual Public Law Update," Sacramento County Bar Association Public Law Section, Feb. 23, 2021
- "Rate Setting Under Propositions 218 & 26," California Special Districts Association Workshop, Sept. 29 & 30, 2020