

PARTNER

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📍 Indian Wells



Carlos Campos is the managing partner of the firm's Indian Wells office. He represents local public agencies including municipalities and special districts.

Carlos serves as city attorney for the cities of Calexico and Colton, and represents the cities of Ontario, Palm Desert and Indian Wells in various capacities. He is also general counsel to Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District and has served as general counsel to other special districts and joint powers authorities. As a member of the firm's Municipal Law and Special District practice groups, his areas of focus include general public agency law, the Brown Act, conflict of interest, election law, land use and planning, initiatives and referenda, water law and the Public Records Act, code enforcement and Native American law issues.

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 is serving an appointment to the League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee.

Prior to joining BBK, Carlos researched and prepared published articles and a book on international human rights law, 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, who speaks fluent Spanish, 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 of Human Rights. 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 the *Race and Poverty Law Journal*. During undergraduate school, he studied abroad in Mexico, England and Central America.

Accolades

- *Palm Springs Life* Top Lawyers, 2017

CORE PRACTICES

Fees, Taxes & Assessments

Open Government & Ethics

Labor & Employment

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Municipal Law

Public Agency Labor & Employment

Public Agency Litigation

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

- Top 70 Lawyers in Coachella Valley, *Palm Springs Life*, 2014
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Professional & Community Involvement

- Legal Advocacy for the City Attorneys' Department of the League of California Cities, 2019-2020
- Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association
- Dr. Carreon Foundation, Board of Directors
- Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
- Desert Bar Association, Board of Trustees