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Of Counsel Kellan Martz is a member of the Municipal Law practice of Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), where he advises cities and public agencies on their services, operations, administration, regulation and obligations to constituents.

Immediately prior to joining the firm, Kellan was deputy city attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney's office. In this role, he represented city departments as general counsel on real estate, land use, leases and business contract matters. He also liaised with several local municipal bodies and state agencies, including the Office of the State Fire Marshal. At public meetings, Kellan provided legal advice on public works, real estate, construction, and contractual issues. He also was responsible for advising elected and appointed public officials on sensitive and high-profile legal concerns from members of the public, nonprofit groups, other officials and opposing counsels.

Before his work with the Los Angeles County City Attorney's office, Kellan was a senior associate with a California-based public agency firm. He advised multiple Southern California municipalities on public policy, legislative initiatives, public official relations and municipal legal analysis with a special focus on affordable housing development and other land use issues.

Originally from Wenatchee, WA (the "apple capital of the world"), Kellan now lives in West Hollywood and previously served the community as a rent stabilization commissioner. He is also the founder of Handle With Care Community Assistance, a nonprofit organization providing emergency relief to the area's unhoused population. Kellan is an avid traveler, enjoying trips to destinations like Japan, London, Greece, and Mexico as well as Palm Springs and other local areas.

Professional & Community Involvement

- City of West Hollywood, former Rent Stabilization Commissioner
- Handle With Care Community Assistance, Founder and President
- American Cancer Society, Young Professional Council, Past President, State Bar of California
- Washington State Bar

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Real Estate

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

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

University of Washington, B.A., political science

Bar Admissions

California

Washington

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "Dos and Don'ts of Quasi-Judicial Proceedings," California Lawyers Association Public Law Conference, Mar. 19, 2026
- "Rebuilding after a Wildfire and Project Design Features to Prevent Destruction," Argent Communications Group California Land Use Law & Policy Annual Conference, May 21, 2025