



OF COUNSEL

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Kristine Mollenkopf, of counsel, is a member of Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law practice. She has nearly 30 years of experience advising government and public agency clients.

Kristine joins BBK from the city attorney's office in Lincoln, California, where she served for eight years as the city's first in-house city attorney. In that position, she was responsible for acting as city prosecutor, managing all aspects of municipal law, advising at city council and planning commission and other commission meetings as needed. Kristine served as city counsel to city officials and a broad range of municipal departments, including the city manager's office, fire and police departments, utilities, engineering and public works, economic development, and other city operations. Kristine also oversaw both in-house staff and outside counsel addressing regulatory claims, CEQA, AB 1600, fees/taxes, contracts, personal injury, dangerous conditions of public property, union bargaining/impasse, and advised on Public Records Act requests.

Before going in-house with the City of Santa Maria, Kristine had 20 years of experience as a litigator representing contractors, developers, cities and special districts.

Outside of work, Kristine and her husband share a passion for classic cars and are devoted football fans.

Accolades

- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review rated A-V (pre-eminent) 2011-present

Professional & Community Involvement

- Rotary International, Member, 1998-Present (three-time Past President for Montecito, Santa Maria and Lincoln)
- Women's Club of Lincoln, Member
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow, 2012-Present

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law
Special Districts
Government Affairs
Native American Law
Business

- Navy League of the United States, Lifetime Member, former Board Member
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Lifetime Associate Member
- Daughters of the American Revolution, Member
- Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks, Member
- Placer County Bar Association, Member, Board of Directors and Founding Member, Women Lawyers Section
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Public Law Section, Member and Board Chair
- American Bar Association, Member

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Santa Barbara College of Law, J.D.

University of the Pacific, B.M., music with a minor in business administration

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

United States Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California