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Darren Ziegler is Director of PRA Services & E-Discovery Counsel with Best Best & Krieger LLP. He previously worked as staff attorney with BBK's Advanced Records Center in Ontario, California.

Darren has dedicated the majority of his legal career to working in the public sector, most recently as deputy county counsel for the Riverside County Office of County Counsel. He served as general counsel to both the Department of Animal Services and Office of Economic Development. Darren advised clients on the formation and administration of various special tax districts and handled civil litigation matters including code enforcement cases.

Additionally, Darren has served as the deputy city attorney for the Moreno Valley Office of the City Attorney, where he oversaw general litigation for the city, acted as counsel for all city advisory boards, commissions and committees, oversaw review of all California Public Records Act requests, and served as the city's risk manager.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists, Certified E-Discovery Specialist
- League of California Cities, Public Records Act Committee, Member
- California Lawyers Association, Public Law Section Executive Committee, Vice Chair
- League of California Cities, Municipal Law Institute, Former Committee Member
- California Lawyers Association, Education Committee, Chair

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "Challenges of Handling Requests for Police Personnel Records in an Evolving Landscape," *Daily Journal*, May 3, 2024

CORE PRACTICES

ARC: Advanced Records Center
Municipal Law

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

William & Mary Law School, J.D.,
William & Mary Business Law Review
Virginia Tech, B.S., biology

Bar Admissions

California

- “Government Transparency Act Is A Shameful Abuse of the Initiative Process,” *Daily Journal*, Sept. 12, 2023

Presentations

- “Interplay Between E-Discovery and the California Public Records Act,” City Clerks Association of California Annual Conference, May 1, 2025
- “California Public Records Act Update 2025,” California Special Districts Association Webinar, March 4, 2025
- “How to Collect Evidence From Smartphones, Smartwatches, and Other Smart Devices: Becoming a Digital Sleuth and Examining Electronic Evidence,” National Business Institute Webinar, Jan. 28, 2025
- “CPRA Compliance & Best Practices During an Election,” League of California Cities City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar, Dec. 11, 2024
- “Public Records Act Legal Updates,” California Lawyers Association's Open Meetings and Open Records Conference, Sept. 27, 2024
- “General Overview of Common Exceptions & Access to Police Records through the California Public Records Act,” City Clerks Association of California Education Workshop, Jun. 27, 2024
- “Advanced Training in the California Public Records Act,” California Special Districts Association Annual Conference, Sept. 10, 2024
- “California Public Records Act 2024,” California Special Districts Association Webinar, March 5, 2024
- “Ethics & Technology: The Next Frontier,” League of California Cities’ 2023 Municipal Law Institute Symposium, Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Santa Clara University School of Law, Feb. 3, 2023