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Bennett A. Givens is an of counsel at Best Best & Krieger LLP who focuses on telecommunications, land use and real estate. He regularly assists clients in California and across the country with a wide range of regulatory and transactional matters involving broadband and fiber networks, cable and telecom franchising, leases and licenses, wireless communications and public-private partnerships.

Bennett primarily represents public agencies, cooperatives, nonprofits and small competitive providers on a wide range of issues related to telecommunications infrastructure.

While earning his law degree at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Bennett served as chief research editor for the *Entertainment Law Review*.

Accolades

- IMLA Amicus Service Award, 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Up & Coming, Land Use and Zoning Law, 2025

Professional & Community Involvement

- Federal Communication Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

CORE PRACTICES

California Public Utilities Commission Open Government & Ethics Land Use, Planning & Zoning Municipal Law Public-Private Partnerships Real Estate Telecommunications

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Loyola Law School, J.D. Johns Hopkins University, B.A.

Bar Admissions

California

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "Elections Have Consequences," International Municipal Lawyers Association Mid-Year Seminar, Apr. 26, 2025
- "Wireless in the Right of Way: All things Permitting and Leveraging your Assets," League of California Cities Public Works Officers Institute, Mar. 20, 2025

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- "Tower Talk: Everything You Need to Know About Wireless Facility," American Planning Association California Conference, Oct. 1, 2024
- "Telecom Toolkit—Critical Issues for Local Governments," International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Sept. 26, 2024
- "Cell and Wireless Tower Law 2024," National Business Institute Webinar, July 19, 2024
- "Cell and Wireless Tower Law: A Regulatory and Transactional Primer," MyLawCLE Webinar, May 23, 2024
- "Understanding California Utility Facilities, Easements and Rights of Way," HalfMoon Education Live Webinar, Jan. 8, 2024
- "The Nuts and Bolts of Broadband Contracting, Constructing, and Funding," County Counsels' Association of California Real Estate & Public Works Conference, Oct. 19, 2023
- "Dialing for Answers: Telecommunications Law Speed Dating," International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Sept. 29, 2023
- "The Wireless Industry Can Help Add Revenue to Your Rooftops and Vacant Land," International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Sept. 29, 2023
- "Drafting and Negotiating 'Non-Tower' Telecom Agreements: Equipment Concerns, Operating Licenses, Termination Provisions," Strafford Webinar, Jun. 8, 2023
- "Cell and Wireless Tower Law: A Regulatory and Transactional Primer," MyLawCLE Webinar, July 21, 2022
- "Leasing and Licensing Real Property and Vertical Infrastructure for Wireless Deployment," Webinar, myLawCLE, Jun. 29, 2021
- "Be Aware of Hot Telecommunications Issues in 2020-2021," BB&K Webinar, Nov. 5, 2020
- "How Local Governments are Responding to the FCC's Cable Franchise Fee Order," International Municipal Lawyers Association's Mid-Year Seminar, WONK Breakfast, Apr. 22, 2020