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Malathy Subramanian represents a diverse set of public agencies throughout Northern California as a partner in the Municipal Law practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP's Walnut Creek office and also serves as Office Managing Partner. Mala serves as city attorney for Albany, Clayton and Lafayette. She also serves as general counsel to El Dorado LAFCO, Marin LAFCO, Merced LAFCO, Santa Clara LAFCO, Solano LAFCO and various joint powers authorities and special districts.

Land Use

Mala guides clients through the various questions and hurdles that arise with development projects, including the Subdivision Map Act, the Housing Accountability Act and others.

Brown Act, Public Records Act and Conflict of Interest

In addition to regularly representing her clients at their public meetings, she frequently trains them on the Public Records Act, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest and AB 1234 ethics compliance.

Transportation

Transportation projects involve many different agencies and legal hurdles. Mala enjoys working on complex projects and collaborating with other BBK attorneys on finance, the California Environmental Quality Act, public contracts and election law. She served as general counsel to Contra Costa Transportation Authority and assisted the Authority in its effort to place a half-cent sales tax on the March 2020 ballot.

She has served as president of the Contra Costa County City Attorney Association and as president of the Bay Area City Attorney Association.

Accolades

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use and Zoning Law & Municipal Law, 2020–2025
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyer of the Year, Municipal Law, 2024-2025
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyer of the Year, Land Use and Zoning Law, 2023

CORE PRACTICES

Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate

Open Government & Ethics

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Municipal Law

Special Districts

Transportation

California Public Records Act

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), J.D.

University of California, San Diego, B.A.

Bar Admissions

California

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "How Am I Supposed To Know That???" California Association of Local Agency Formation Annual Conference, Oct. 22, 2025