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Elizabeth W. Hull serves as general counsel and special counsel to public agencies throughout Southern California. She is a partner in the Municipal Law practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP, serves on the firm's Executive Committee and is based in the Irvine and San Diego offices. Elizabeth also focuses on economic development and community development work for public and private clients.

Elizabeth serves as City Attorney for the City El Paso de Robles, General Counsel to the Helix Water District and provides special counsel work to numerous cities and housing authorities. Her special counsel work is focused on development of housing (affordable and market rate), real estate and economic development. Elizabeth is barred in Texas and represents public agencies in Texas on the development of affordable housing.

She regularly provides advice to public agencies on real estate transactions and negotiating and drafting a variety of agreements, including:

- Disposition and development agreements
- Affordable housing agreements
- Public-private partnerships
- Other agreements necessary to facilitate development

Prior to joining BBK, Elizabeth served as assistant city attorney for Development Services for the City of Chula Vista. During her more than eight years with Chula Vista, she represented and advised city departments, the City Council and the Chula Vista Redevelopment Corporation and Redevelopment Agency on a wide range of redevelopment, planning, land use and construction issues. She also provided advice to the City Council, Board members and commissioners on the Brown Act, Public Records Act, Political Reform Act and other conflict of interest laws. Elizabeth advised the City, Clerk, Community Development, Housing, General Services, Planning and Building departments and served as staff attorney to the Planning, Ethics and Charter Review commissions.

As legal advisor to the General Services Department, Elizabeth advised on the acquisition of land for, and drafted the agreements required to, construct a variety of public works projects utilizing traditional low-bid,

CORE PRACTICES

California Public Records Act

Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate

Eminent Domain

Environmental Law & Natural Resources

Open Government & Ethics

Municipal Law

Public Infrastructure

Public-Private Partnerships

Real Estate

Special Districts

construction manager and design-build project delivery systems. These projects were as varied as street repair, corporation yard remodel and the design-build of a new police facility and civic center. The design-build projects are valued at more than \$100 million.

She is also a frequent presenter at conferences on the Brown Act, Political Reform Act, Affordable Housing, Infrastructure Financing Districts and other issues in development. Earlier in her career, Elizabeth was a prosecutor in the City of San Diego, and prosecuted more than 20 jury trials.

Professional & Community Involvement

- San Diego County Bar Association

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "Top Real Estate & Development Lawyers 2025," *Daily Journal*, 2025
- "What Ports Need to Know About PFAS," *Pacific Ports Magazine*, Volume 5, Issue 3, October/November 2024
- "See You at the OC Economic Forecast Conference," *BBKnowledge*, Sept. 4, 2014
- "Changes in Redevelopment Dissolution Law May Affect ROPS 14-15A Due To Department of Finance by March 1," *BB&K Legal Alert*, Feb. 19, 2014
- "California Supreme Court Decision Eliminates Redevelopment Agencies," *BB&K Legal Alert*, Dec. 29, 2011
- "Governor's Budget Proposal Would Eliminate Redevelopment Agencies," *BB&K Legal Alert*, Jan. 14, 2011

Presentations

- "The Fair Housing Act and the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule in 2025," International Municipal Lawyers Association Mid-Year Seminar, Apr. 27, 2025
- "Ports and PFAS: The Safe Passage of Pollutants Across International Waters," Association of Pacific Ports 110th Annual Conference, Aug. 14, 2024
- "Attaining Housing for All," University of California, Los Angeles Extension Annual Land Use Law & Planning Conference, Feb. 2, 2024
- "Surplus Land Act," San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's Economic Development Committee Meeting, Aug. 30, 2023
- "The Fair Housing Act, the New Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule and the Impact on Siting of Affordable Housing," International Municipal Lawyers Association's Mid-Year Seminar, Apr. 23, 2023
- "Surplus Land Act: Know the Facts Before You Transact," League of California Cities City Managers Conference, Feb. 9, 2023.
- "Surplus Land Act: Know the Impact Before You Transact," League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, Sept. 9, 2022
- "Housing Law Jeopardy," 2020 Annual Conference, San Diego Housing Federation, Oct. 5, 2020
- "Housing Law Jeopardy," League of California Cities City Managers Conference, Feb. 5, 2020

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

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

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

Bar Admissions

California

Texas

- "Housing and Land Use Legislative Update," BB&K Webinar, Oct. 30, 2019
- "The Shifting Sands of Economic Development: Welcome to the "O"-Zone," 2019 APA California Conference, Sept. 16, 2019
- "The Shifting Sands of Economic Development: Welcome to the "O"-Zone," City Managers Conference, League of California Cities, Feb. 14, 2019
- "2017 Tax Bill and Its Impact on Affordable Housing," League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, Sept. 13, 2018
- "Disaster Resilience: Housing and Economic Development," American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, Apr. 22, 2018
- "Compliance Monitoring for Multi-Funded Affordable Housing Projects," Housing California Annual Conference, Apr. 27, 2015
- "Brownfield Blues: The Impact of the End of Redevelopment in California," Housing Los Angeles County Bar Association's 26th Annual Environmental Law Super Symposium, Apr. 27, 2012