

OF COUNSEL

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Frank Ahn is of counsel in Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law practice group where he represents public agencies on matters related to public contract compliance.

He joins BBK from the San Diego City Attorney's Office where he advised City Infrastructure staff on legal matters related to local and state regulations and drafted ordinances and resolutions regarding emergency repairs and federally funded projects impacted by Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and Economic Development Administration (EDA) requirements.

Frank has dedicated the majority of his career to public service including a significant amount of time as a supervising attorney, writ attorney, and staff attorney with Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers (LADL). As supervising attorney, he was responsible for training and supervising attorneys and managing a non-profit law firm. As a writ attorney, he prepared and argued statutory, mandamus, and supersedeas writ petitions, response briefs, and motions before the Second District California Court of Appeal. During his time at LADL, Frank also co-founded the Community Awareness Project (COAP) to raise public awareness about child welfare issues and promote collaboration between different stakeholders in the dependency system such as training Los Angeles County Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Frank also co-founded the Los Angeles Parent Hopeline, which provides critical guidance to parents and family members navigating the child welfare investigation process.

In his spare time, Frank enjoys spending time with his wife, Jennifer, and two young children, Natalie and William. He is also a crossword enthusiast and a lifelong fan of the LA Clippers and Dodgers.

Notable Experience

Trial counsel on *In re G.B.* (2018) 28 Cal.App.5th 475 finding that due process rights limited judicial authority to amend dependency petitions or assert jurisdiction based on a factual and legal theory not at issue by the parties.

Professional & Community Involvement

- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Boston College Law School, J.D.

University of California, San Diego, B.A., political science, with minors in world literature and literature/writing

Bar Admissions

California

- San Diego County Bar Association
 - Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, Board of Directors, Member
 - Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, Program Committee, Chair
 - Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, Mentorship Committee, Co-Chair
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Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Know Your Rights,” Homeboy Industries, Sept. 16, 2022
- “Know Your Rights,” Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC), Aug. 4, 2022
- “Quarterly LA County CASA Volunteer Introduction Training,” Court Appointed Special Advocates of Los Angeles, 2021 – 2022
- “Dependency Basics Training,” Root & Rebound, Oct. 25, 2021
- “Dependency Case Law Review and Update,” MCLE, Sept. 8, 2020
- “Dependency Case Law Review and Update,” MCLE, Feb. 25, 2020
- “How to Get WRIT of Your Errors on the Record Trial Skills,” MCLE, Jan. 28, 2019
- “Dependency Case Law Review and Update,” MCLE, Jan. 22, 2018