

**October 27 – Technology – T14**  
**Drones 2.0 – Regulatory Considerations and Challenges for Municipal  
Lawyers**

**SPEAKER BIOS**

**John Bakker** chairs the firm's flagship practice group, Municipal and Special District Law, overseeing the work of more than 30 attorneys who collectively serve as city attorneys to more than 25 municipalities. John is an experienced and knowledgeable advisor on the full range of public law issues. His areas of focus include government finance (Propositions 13, 62, and 218), Political Reform Act compliance (lobbying, conflicts, campaign finance), elections (initiative and referendum), the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (annexations, incorporations, and reorganizations), land use, and telecommunications, energy and public utilities. Since joining the firm in January of 2001, John has advised municipal clients on these and other public law issues and advised private clients on the procedures for incorporating new cities. Currently, John serves as City Attorney for the City of Dublin, Chief Assistant City Attorney of Walnut Creek, and General Counsel for the Bayshore Sanitary District, the Moraga Orinda Fire District, the Kensington Fire Protection District, the Napa Sanitation District and the Tamalpais Community Services District.

**Kristopher Kokotaylo** serves as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Union City and as Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Leandro. He also represents the Stege Sanitary District and the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee on a regular basis, among other municipalities. Kris focuses his practice on public law matters related to land use, real estate, construction, constitutional law, code enforcement, the Public Records Act, and the Brown Act. Kris has advised on novel issues facing municipalities and special districts, as well as helped his clients update their policies and procedures in response to changes in the law. For example, Kris crafted a first-of-its kind ordinance that updated Union City's municipal code to treat electronic cigarette retailers as tobacco retailers under the City's tobacco retailer license scheme and he published a legal analysis of the regulatory and privacy issues regarding drones.