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Wait! Who is Driving that Car?: The Autonomous Vehicle Revolution and our Transportation Infrastructure

SPEAKER BIOS

Steven C. DeBaun solves legal issues related to transportation, infrastructure, regional impact fee programs, land use and planning, municipal, environmental and special district law. In 2014, he was named one of the *Daily Journal's* [Top 50 Development Attorneys](#) for his work on the Route 91 Capital Improvement Project toll road extension and the Perris Valley Line Commuter Rail Extension Project. In addition, Steve was on the team that received a [2014 Top Verdict recognition by the Daily Journal](#) for *Western Riverside Council of Governments v. City of Beaumont*. In that case, the court ordered Beaumont to pay \$43 million in withheld transportation impact fees, plus \$14 million in prejudgment interest.

Steve assists a variety of the firm's public agency clients. He is general counsel to Riverside County Transportation Commission, Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, Western Riverside Council of Governments, Gold Coast Transit District, Big Bear Community Services District and Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority. He has also acted as special counsel on transportation matters to the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, the San Bernardino Associated Governments and the City of Los Angeles, among others.

Gregory Rodriguez takes a hands-on approach to ensure a successful project delivery for his clients. Having previously served as in-house counsel for the San Diego Association of Governments and as an attorney with a firm that focuses on representing educational institutions and related agencies, Gregory is now of counsel in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Municipal Law practice group.

Gregory's experience includes complex procurement, construction and property acquisition issues for public projects, as well as providing legal guidance on governance issues, such as open meetings laws, public records requests and the California Voting Rights Act. Gregory has extensive public contracting experience and has assisted public agency clients, including school districts, community college districts and regional planning agencies, in the procurement of design professionals, construction managers and contractors for the completion of public works projects involving local, state and federal money.

Gregory is well versed on the various contracting options available to clients, including use of alternative project delivery methods, such as design-build or use of a construction manager/general contractor. At SANDAG, Gregory assisted in the procurement of a contractor using the CM/GC project delivery method for a light rail extension project under the Federal Transit Administration's discretionary New Starts Program. Additionally, Gregory has assisted clients with the acquisition of property for construction projects and provides legal guidance for projects from property acquisition through close-out. This includes any necessary environmental approvals and resolving claims that may arise during the course of construction.

Jamey Wyman advises clients with right-of-way acquisition, project delivery and litigation as an associate in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Special Districts, Litigation and Environmental and Natural Resources practice groups. Over his career, Jamey has worked on various aspects of major public infrastructure projects throughout the state, including the Prunedale Improvement Project (Monterey County), Presidio Parkway Project (San Francisco County) and 91 Corridor Improvement Project (Riverside County). Included in his experience is real property valuation of industrial, commercial and residential property and entitlement to and valuation of loss of business goodwill.

Prior to joining BB&K, Jamey was a deputy attorney for the California Department of Transportation, where he provided general counsel advice and litigation services. While at Caltrans, his practice included eminent domain, inverse condemnation, project delivery, real property rights analysis, negotiating government-to-government agreements for Caltrans' Doyle Drive/Presidio Parkway, CEQA, endangered species, Coastal Act compliance and Section 4(f) analysis.

Jordan E. A. Ferguson provides legal services to cities, special districts and private clients across Southern California. He is well-versed in issues surrounding emerging technologies and the sharing economy, land use and planning laws, conflicts of interest, free speech regulations, privacy rights, sex offender regulations, the Brown Act, public safety regulations and elections law matters. As an associate in the Municipal Law and Special Districts practice groups of Best Best & Krieger LLP, his practice involves city attorney and general counsel services.