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SPEAKER

Bio of James E. “Jeb” Brown

Jeb is a Riverside native who graduated from Cal State University, San Bernardino with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in 1989. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in 1992. He is licensed to practice law before all of the Courts of the State of California as well as the United States District Court, Central District of California, Southern District of California, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Jeb began his career as an associate with the law firm of Fidler and Bell, (now Orrock, Popka, Fortino, Tucker and Dolen) in Riverside, where he represented numerous public entities in both state and federal court. He was hired in January, 1995 by the Riverside City Attorney’s Office as a Deputy City Attorney. Jeb was the principal deputy in the Litigation Services Section and was involved in all aspects of representing the City of Riverside in tort defense litigation matters, personnel advisory services and general risk management issues. Most notably, Jeb worked closely with the Riverside Police Department in providing police legal services including responding to major incidents involving potential City liability.

In May, 2001, he left the City of Riverside to work at the municipal law firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen. While there, he represented numerous public entities including the Cities of Hemet, Santa Clarita, Compton, El Segundo and Alhambra. In August, 2002, he returned to the Riverside City Attorney’s Office as Supervising Deputy City Attorney for the Litigation Services Section. Jeb supervised four attorneys, one legal assistant and two legal secretaries. In addition to supervising the Litigation Services Section, Jeb also served as the Legal Advisor to Public Safety (Police and Fire), provided advice on employment issues and represented the City and its employees in both state and federal court. Jeb regularly provided training on various legal issues to the Riverside Police Department. Jeb also represented the Riverside Police Department and its officers in civil rights cases.

In 2014, Jeb left the City of Riverside to become Assistant County Counsel for Riverside County where he supervises 23 attorneys. His primary focus remains on representing public safety departments including the Probation Department, Fire Department and Sheriff’s Department. Jeb is a Past President and board member of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court and the Inland Empire Federal Bar Association. He is an adjunct professor at Laverne School of Law (Civil Rights, First Amendment, Federal Courts and Conflict of Laws). Jeb was a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit (2007-10) and currently serves the Federal Court as an Attorney Settlement Officer.

Finally, Jeb has been a speaker for the League of California Cities, Federal Bar Association, California County Counsel's Association, University of Laverne Law School Civil Rights Symposium, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Americans for Effective Law Enforcement and the American Jail Association.