

# ELECTION LAW AND POLICY SERVICES

## **PUBLIC LAW GROUP**

The Public Law Group is dedicated to providing innovative and strategic legal advice and representation to meet the distinctive needs of government and non-profit organizations, including cities, counties, special districts, colleges, schools, and other public sector organizations.

Our four partners have more than a century of collective experience in public sector law. In addition to election law and policy services, the firm has a government law practice and a labor and employment practice, and represents government entities in public interest litigation.

The firm has a depth of expertise in election and government law. Partner Louise Renne was San Francisco's City Attorney for 16 years and Randy Riddle heads the firm's election and government law practice.

## **ELECTION SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

- Election law and policy advice
- HAVA and Voting Rights Act compliance
- Election litigation
- Voting systems advice, implementation, and representation
- Government ethics and Sunshine laws
- Campaign finance advice
- Drafting legislation and initiative measures
- Development of election administration materials

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## **RANDY RIDDLE**

**Randy Riddle** joined the Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai, LLP, Public Law Group in June 2004, and heads up the firm's election and government law practice. He created and manages the California Election Law website ([www.calelectionlaw.com](http://www.calelectionlaw.com)), which provides election officials and government election attorneys with timely election news and resources. Mr. Riddle has 20 years experience in election and government law.

### **Election Law Background**

- 2004: In connection with the November 2004 election, he advised and represented the County of San Benito, California regarding a federal court consent decree aimed at ensuring compliance with the Voting Rights Act and Help America Vote Act. He employed a multi-disciplinary approach, bringing together experts in election administration and language translation services to complement his advice on election law issues.
- 2003-2004: Chief Counsel for the Office of the California Secretary of State, advising the agency on a wide range of legal matters relating to elections, including the unprecedented October 2003 gubernatorial recall election. He also advised the agency on complex issues related to certification, security, and reliability of new voting systems. He supervised extensive litigation related to the recall election and worked with counties to obtain expedited DOJ pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act for election changes necessitated by the recall election.
- 1998-2004: Chief of Government Litigation, San Francisco City Attorney's Office, supervising sensitive and complex litigation involving challenges to city laws and policies, as well as all election litigation.
- 1995-1998: Legal Counsel to the National Senate of the Republic of Palau, which gained its independence in 1994. He provided advice and representation on a wide range of domestic and international issues.
- 1985-1995: Deputy City Attorney, San Francisco City Attorney's Office. He served as counsel to the San Francisco Registrar of Voters, providing advice and representation on a broad range of election issues and litigation. He also served as a member of the General Government Team, specializing in election and constitutional law, government ethics, campaign finance and litigation.