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### **Practice Areas**

Election Law  
Government Law  
Appeals and Writs  
Employment Litigation  
Counseling  
Training

### **Education**

J.D., Golden Gate University,  
1985  
B.S., University of Notre Dame,  
1979

### **Bar Admissions**

California  
Iowa (inactive)  
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**RANDY RIDDLE** joined Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai, LLP, Public Law Group, in June 2004. Mr. Riddle heads up the firm's government law and elections practice. Most recently, in connection with the November 2004 election, Mr. Riddle 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. Mr. Riddle 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 legal resources.

Mr. Riddle earned his law degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California. He graduated in the top five percent of his law school class, served as a law review editor and was awarded the 1985 Paul S. Jordan Outstanding Student Award. During law school, Mr. Riddle served as a judicial intern to California Supreme Court Justice Joseph Grodin.

In August 1985, Mr. Riddle accepted a position as a Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. He served as a member of the General Government Team, specializing in election law, constitutional law, government ethics, campaign finance and litigation. As part of his duties, Mr. Riddle provided advice on a broad range of issues to San Francisco mayors, members of the Board of Supervisors, and other elected and appointed officials. For almost ten years, Mr. Riddle served as counsel to the San Francisco Registrar of Voters, where he provided election law advice and represented the



Registrar in litigation. Mr. Riddle also served for one year on the Labor Team, where he represented the City in challenges to its employment policies.

From 1995 to 1998, Mr. Riddle served as a Legal Counsel to the National Senate of the Republic of Palau, which gained its independence in 1994. He provided advice to the National Senate on a wide range of domestic and international issues, and represented the Senate in litigation.

In September 1998, Mr. Riddle returned to the San Francisco City Attorney's Office to serve as Chief of Government Litigation. In that role, he supervised sensitive and complex litigation involving challenges to city laws and policies, as well as all election litigation.

From May 2003 until May 2004, Mr. Riddle served as Chief Counsel for the Office of the California Secretary of State. As Chief Counsel, Mr. Riddle advised the agency on a wide range of legal matters related to elections. In particular, he was responsible for advising the agency on issues related to the historic and unprecedented October 2003 gubernatorial recall election. As part of his duties, he also supervised the extensive litigation related to the recall election, and worked with counties to obtain expedited Department of Justice pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act for election changes necessitated by the recall election. Mr. Riddle also advised agency officials on complex legal issues related to the certification, security and reliability of new voting systems.