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Diane G. Kindermann is a Director in Fennemore's Land Use practice group, representing private clients and public agencies in a wide range of environmental and land use matters. Her work includes issues involving planning and zoning laws, CEQA, NEPA, the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, wetlands, water rights and water quality, mineral rights, timber and forestry resources, and hazardous waste matters, including CERCLA. She represents development, agricultural, industrial, mining, and other landowner interests across California.

Diane's real estate experience includes purchase and lease transactions, easements, permit acquisition from federal, state, and local agencies, and litigation in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels.

In addition to representing private entities, Diane has served as special counsel to public agencies, including cities, counties, special districts, and joint powers authorities. Her public agency work includes advising on general plans and specific plans, annexations, and other planning and zoning matters, as well as CEQA and NEPA compliance. She has represented water districts such as the Central Delta and Southern Delta Water Districts in multijurisdictional litigation.

As special counsel on numerous private client matters, Diane advises commercial, residential, and industrial developers, landowners, agricultural interests, mining companies, vintners, and other businesses on projects throughout California. Her experience spans projects in cities including Angels Camp, Auburn, Calistoga, Citrus Heights, Davis, Dunnigan, Folsom, Galt, Loomis, Patterson, St. Helena, Rocklin, Roseville, Rutherford, Sacramento, San Andreas, Sutter Creek, Stockton, Tracy, Woodland, and Yountville, as well as counties including Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Glenn, Madera, Napa, Placer, San Joaquin, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tuolumne, and Yolo.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Northern California

B.A., University of San Diego

Certificate, International Law and Legal Studies, Sorbonne Assas-International Law School

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Land Use

Natural Resources

AWARDS AND HONORS

California Super Lawyers®, Top Women Attorneys in Northern California, 2015 – 2019, 2021 – 2026

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

Top Women Attorneys in Northern California

Best of the Bar in Sacramento

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

University of California Extension Land Use and Natural Resources Program in Land Use, Environmental and Real Property Law, Instructor on Select Topics, 1989-Present

State Bar of California, Continuing Education of The Bar Classes, Instructor on Select Topics, 1989-Present

University of California at Davis Law School, Instructor on Select Topics, 1989-Present

Abbott & Kindermann, Inc, Land Use Environmental and Real Estate Update, 2001-2024

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of California

Member, Sacramento County Bar Association

- Past President, Real Property Section, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Past Chair, Environmental Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Past Commissioner, Sacramento Environmental Commission

Board Member and Executive Committee Chair, Sacramento Regional Transit Authority's Friends of Light Rail Board

Council of Counsel, Environment Committee, and the Government Affairs and Legal Action Committees, California Construction Materials Association

Chair, Environment Committee, California Precast Concrete Association

Member, California Association of Winegrape Growers

Past Legislative Director and Board Member, Sacramento Valley Chapter, American Planning Association

Past Legal Affairs Committee and Wetlands/Endangered Species Task Force, Association of California Water Agencies

Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Francis Catholic High School

Advisory Council, Assistance League of Sacramento

Lambda Alpha International Member (Historic Land Use Economic Society)

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

LANGUAGES

French