



William W. Abbott

In private practice since 1983, William W. Abbott's clients include public agencies, private developers and property owners concerned with development of adjacent property throughout California. As special counsel on numerous land use matters, his experience includes both lead counsel/project manager for major development projects as well as in litigation, initiatives and referenda involving land use approvals. Locally, Mr. Abbott has advised developers and property owners on development issues in Auburn, Chico, Davis, Dixon, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Loomis, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Truckee, Woodland, and the Counties of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Solano and Yolo. Mr. Abbott has similar experience in representing public agencies in land use matters. These jurisdictions include the Cities of Calexico, Colfax, Dixon, Grass Valley, Folsom, Los Banos, Oakdale, Riverbank, Nevada City, Truckee, Watsonville, and Winters, and the Counties of El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Monterey, Shasta, Sierra, San Bernardino, several Local Agency Formation Commissions and Councils of Governments, and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

Mr. Abbott has represented clients in mediation, and has served as a mediator, arbitrator, and as an expert witness.

Mr. Abbott individually, and his firm, holds an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

As part of his law practice, Mr. Abbott has written articles and columns and has lectured extensively on land use matters. Since 1981, he has been an instructor for the University of California Extension's Land Use and Environmental Planning program teaching classes in planning, zoning, CEQA, Permit Streamlining Act, vested rights, initiatives, development agreements and land use litigation. He has also participated in numerous training programs for local planning departments, County Supervisors Association of California, League of California Cities, and the County Planning Directors' Association. He served as an editorial consultant to CEB for the Action Guide entitled Handling an Administrative Mandamus Action, published in 1993. In addition, he is a co-author of Public Needs and Private Dollars, a comprehensive overview on development exactions published by Solano Press Books in 1993, and updated in 1995 and again in 1998. A new version was released in 2001 entitled Exactions and Impact Fees in California.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Abbott was Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Research, responsible for the Local Government Unit. The Unit conducted a successful program in technical assistance and review of legislation related to local planning practice and planning law, which brought him into contact with planning staff throughout California. As Deputy Director, Mr. Abbott was also responsible for the Land Use Litigation News, a monthly publication for local officials providing a comprehensive review of recent court cases, legislation and opinions of the Attorney General, law review articles and local government planning news. In 1982, he was co-recipient of the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Planning given by the California Chapter of the American Planning Association.