



## Katherine J. Hart

Kate Hart has been practicing law since 1997, and has been an attorney with Abbott & Kindermann, LLP since 2006. Her primary areas of practice are land use and environmental law.

Ms. Hart represents the firm's clients in processing local land use entitlements. She has extensive experience with the California Environmental Quality Act, Subdivision Map Act, and Mitigation Fee Act. On behalf of private clients, she has processed subdivision maps, conditional use permits, rezoning amendments, general plan amendments, and variances, as well as negotiated development agreements, and public utility easements for residential, commercial and industrial properties. Ms. Hart has also reviewed General Plan updates and corresponding CEQA documents for agencies. She has defended both agencies and real parties in interest in CEQA and Mitigation Fee Act litigation. Ms. Hart stays current on CEQA and other land use law by blogging various cases on the Firm's website and the California Development and Planning Newsletter, as well as teaching classes on CEQA and development agreements.

Prior to working at Abbott & Kindermann LLP, Ms. Hart practiced land use law for a short time at Trainor Robertson here in Sacramento, four years at Reed Smith LLP (formerly Crosby Heafey Roach and May) in the Bay Area, and for three years as a contract Deputy City Attorney for the City of Pittsburg in Contra Costa County. During her law school years, she had the privilege of serving as a judicial extern for Federal District Court Judge Edward Rafeedie in downtown Los Angeles and a Legal Intern at the California Environmental Protection Agency under Assistant Secretary Jerry Johnston.

Ms. Hart is a member of a number of professional organizations including the State Bar of California, the Environmental Law and Real Property Sections of the Sacramento County Bar Association, and the Building Industry Association. In addition to her membership in professional associations, Ms. Hart is a member of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Board of Trustees for the Sacramento Conservancy. Ms. Hart was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2005 and was recently reappointed to the Board in 2009. She served as the Vice-Chair of the Board for three years and now serves as the Chair of the Board. In 2006, Ms. Hart was asked to sit on the Board of Trustees for the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. Ms. Hart accepted the position and now serves as the Board's Vice Chair. Additionally, she has served as the Board's Chair of the Treasures of the Valley, the Board's annual fundraising event, since 2008.

Ms. Hart attended Santa Clara University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in both Political Science and French, and a minor in International Relations in 1993. After clerking for a law firm for a year, she attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and graduated with a Juris Doctor and Certificate of Governmental Affairs in 1997. While at McGeorge, Ms. Hart served as a Class Representative, was a Candidate for Moot Court Best Brief Competition and Moot Court Best Oral Competition, and a participant in the Trial Advocacy Program.