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Scott Dickey – Senior Government Law and Litigation Counsel

Practice Areas: Government Law and Litigation, Appellate Advocacy, Elections, Tax Allocation and Assessment

Experience

Mr. Dickey represents public-entity and public interest clients in litigation involving a wide range of subjects including constitutional, administrative, and election law. Mr. Dickey also advises clients on election and tax matters.

Some of the recent matters on which Mr. Dickey has provided representation include:

- Representing California public entities and non-profit organizations in appellate litigation challenging state regulation and classification of flavored malt beverages, commonly known as “alcopops.”
- Representing a class of California cities, counties, and districts in complex litigation against insurance brokers regarding undisclosed commissions and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Representing a national class of senior citizens in litigation against banks and insurers for elder financial abuse.
- Advising a Northern California city on residency requirements for elected officials and proper means of challenging office under the Fair Political Practices Act.

Mr. Dickey also is an experienced appellate advocate. He has been lead counsel on more than a dozen appellate matters involving the constitutionality of state and local laws and regulations, tax allocation, election law, the Brown Act, and due process and takings claims. Mr. Dickey has appeared before the California Supreme Court, the First, Second, and Third District Courts of Appeal, and the Ninth Circuit. His published decisions include *Edelstein v. City and County of San Francisco* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 164 (City charter section regarding runoff elections is constitutional; overruling *Canaan v. Abdelnour* (1985) 40 Cal.3d 703), *Chafee v. San Francisco Public Library Commission* (2004) 115 Cal.App.4th 161 (State and local public meeting laws permit continuance of hearings without first providing a general public comment period), *Cobb v. S.F. Rent Board* (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 345

(Landlord may waive right to uncontrolled rent increase under Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act), and *Danekas v. S.F. Rent Board* (2001) 95 Cal.App.4th 638 (Rent Ordinance provisions allowing tenants to replace outgoing roommates are constitutional and do not illegally delegate legislative authority to Rent Board). Mr. Dickey also successfully defended the allocation of jet fuel sales tax revenue to the City in *County of San Mateo v. State Board of Equalization, et al.* (2002) 2002 WL 1204451. Mr. Dickey has also handled dozens of administrative and traditional writ actions during his career as a government law attorney.

Related Experience

Prior to joining Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, Mr. Dickey served as a Deputy City Attorney for eight years in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, where he was a member of the Government Litigation Team. There, he participated in sensitive and complex litigation involving challenges to city laws, policies, and decisions. Representative matters include litigation challenging the constitutionality of election provisions in the Charter and provisions of the City's administrative and housing codes relating to rental housing, litigation challenging the City's performance and recordation of same-sex marriages, and litigation challenging decisions made by the City's administrative departments.

While with the City Attorney's Office, Mr. Dickey served as litigation counsel to the Rent Board and general counsel to the County Clerk and to the Relocation Appeals Board. He also drafted legislation on behalf of City departments and members of the Board of Supervisors.

Education

University of California, Berkeley (B.A. 1992)
University of San Francisco School of Law (J.D. 1996)

Bar Admission

California