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Background

College & Graduate School	B.A. Economics; M.S. Urban Planning. University of Montana, Missoula, Montana; B.A., 1969, with honors. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona; M.S., 1972.
Law School	University of Arizona, J.D., 1975.
Bar Memberships	Arizona and California.
Employment	City of Salinas, 1977-1982; Planning Counsel, Deputy City Attorney. City of Pleasanton, 1982-1988, City Attorney. Sole Practice, 1988 - Present.
Memberships	Valley Community Bank, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presently; Pleasanton Rotary, President 1998/1999; Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, President, 1997; Bay Area City Attorneys, President, 1984; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, President, 1992; Coalition for Adequate School Housing; National Association of Home Builders.

Philosophy

My style is to work creatively with the government officials; to know and anticipate the concerns of staff members, policy makers, neighbors, and environmentalists.

I maintain the technical competence necessary to deal with regulations involving scientific, demographic, mathematical, or economic issues.

I am a valuable team member, with broad experience, and an understanding of the other players' needs as well as the appropriate limitations upon the lawyer's role.

Areas of Practice

Land Use and Real Estate Law	Evaluation of development potential; Rezoning; Subdivision; Environmental Quality Act; Endangered Species; Wetlands; Exactions; Options.
School Mitigation Fees and Municipal Zoning Exemptions	Implementation of school facility plans requires cooperation from cities, counties and the public. City cooperation can be achieved with a sensitive and systematic approach by the school district.
Hazardous Materials	My background includes economics and science which enables me to deal with non-legal aspects of hazardous materials problems.

