

Diane G. Kindermann Henderson

Diane G. Kindermann is the President of Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., which holds an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Since 1989, she has been practicing in the areas of land use, environmental and real estate law. She represents numerous private and public agency clients, development, agricultural, industrial, mining and other landowner interests in matters concerning land use, planning and zoning laws, CEQA, Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, wetlands, water rights and water quality, mineral rights, timber and forestry resources, NEPA and hazardous waste matters, including CERCLA. Real Estate matters includes purchase and lease transactions, easements and associated litigation. In addition to private entity clients, Ms. Kindermann has experience as special counsel to public agencies, including cities, counties, special districts and joint power authorities on environmental and land use matters, including general plans and specific plans, annexations and other planning and zoning matters as well as CEQA and NEPA. These jurisdictions include the cities of Folsom, Mt. Shasta, Tracy, Watsonville, and Winters, as well as the counties of El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Sierra, and Tehama and water districts such as the Central Delta and Southern Delta Water Districts in multijurisdictional litigation.

Related experience includes permit acquisition from federal, state and local agencies, and litigation in state and federal courts at both the lower and appellate court levels.

As special counsel on numerous private client matters, her experience includes advice to commercial, residential and industrial developers, land owners, agricultural interests, mining companies, vintners, and other businesses on projects in such cities as 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, Yountville, and such counties as Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Glenn, Madera, Napa, Placer, San Joaquin, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tuolumne, and Yolo.

As part of her practice, Ms. Kindermann publishes legal articles and has lectured extensively on land use, environmental and real estate matters. Since 1989, she has been an instructor for the University of California Extension Land Use and Natural Resources Program in Land Use, Environmental and Real Property Law; the State Bar of California, Continuing Education of the Bar classes; and the University of California at Davis Law School, as well as for private businesses, organizations and boards. Ms. Kindermann has also published articles and has given presentations to federal and state regulatory agencies and industries on land use and environmental matters, planning and zoning laws, the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, CEQA, NEPA, water law and wetlands.

Ms. Kindermann is also a California Superlawyer, rated in “Top Women Attorneys in Northern California” and rated “Best of the Bar in Sacramento.” Ms. Kindermann is a member of the State Bar of California and the Sacramento County Bar Association. She is a member and past President of the Real Property Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association, and a member and past Chair of the Environmental Law Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association. She sits on the Sacramento Environmental Commission and is a Board member and Executive Committee Chairperson of the Sacramento Regional Transit Authority’s Friends of Light Rail Board. She sits on the Advisory Counsel for the Assistance League of Sacramento. She is also on the Council of Counsel, Environment Committee and the Government Affairs and Legal Action Committees for the California Construction Materials Association; and is the Chair of the Environment Committee of the California Precast Concrete Association and an active member of the California Association of Winegrape Growers. Ms. Kindermann continues her membership in the American Planning Association and is the former Legislative Director and board member for the APA’s Sacramento Valley Chapter. She also served on the Legal Affairs Committee and the Wetlands/Endangered Species Task Force for the Association of California Water Agencies.

Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Kindermann was an associate at Environmental Impact Planners Associates (EIP) in Sacramento, where she provided in-house legal review on long-range planning and CEQA for the University of California system. Before joining EIP and while in law school, Ms. Kindermann clerked at the Third District Court of Appeal. In addition to her clerking experience, Ms. Kindermann worked at California Legislative Intent Service where she conducted and prepared legislative intent analyses for private and public sector clients.

Ms. Kindermann Henderson is admitted to practice before the California state courts, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. District Courts, Eastern District and Northern District of California.