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As owner of the law offices of Jones & Mayer, Mr. Jones serves as City Attorney for the cities of Whittier, La Habra, Fullerton, and Westminster and General Counsel to the Gateway Cities SGUCOG. Prior to establishing the Law Office of Richard D. Jones, Mr. Jones was a member of the firm of Shay, Stirling, Jones and Jones. Mr. Jones has over thirty years of legal experience, twenty-two of which have been in the area of municipal law. Mr. Jones has specialized in municipal law exclusively since 1985. Mr. Jones also represents special agencies and joint power authorities.

Mr. Jones has extensive experience in virtually every issue municipalities confront, including advice on the Brown Act, conflict issues, and procedural issues. His range of responsibilities include personnel matters which include negotiations with labor organizations, development of general plans, and zoning. Mr. Jones has assisted in the acquisition and expansion of one municipalities boundaries by over 1,500 acres. Mr. Jones attends staff meetings and works with city managers daily, exclusively on municipal issues.

As agency counsel, he has negotiated development and disposition agreements with Walmart, Home Depot, and Super Kmart, as well as developed a seventy-five acre retail complex. Issues such as condemnation, relocation, and housing set-aside matters are a regular part of his practice.

Mr. Jones has lectured to the California League of Cities and various other conferences on a variety of topics including labor negotiations, punitive damages, and seeking gang injunctions. Mr. Jones was a professor at Whittier College providing instruction in Professional Ethics and Business Law for over ten years.

Mr. Jones was a seventeen-year elected member to the Lowell Joint Elementary School District Board of Trustees, where he has served as president on four separate occasions. Mr. Jones has also been president of a local Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club, and Kiwanis Club, as well as Citizen of the Year. Mr. Jones is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Domestic Water Company, a wholesale water distributor to municipalities in Orange and Los Angeles Counties and serves as the current Chairman of the Lowell Joint Educational Foundation. Mr. Jones has been a Rotarian for over 15 years.

Education

J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1974

B.A. Business Administration and Political Science, Whittier College, 1971

Admissions

California Supreme Court

United States District Court for the Central District of California

Practice Areas

Municipal Law

Redevelopment

Water Law

Prof. Affiliations

Orange County Bar Association

California State Bar Association

California Domestic Water, Chairman of the Board

Association of California Water Agencies

Board of Trustees – Southern California College of Optometry