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Practice Groups

Municipal and Special District Law
Environmental Law
Climate Change and Green Initiatives
Land Use

California Bar Number

177476

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, JD,
Public Interest Law Scholar, 1993

Columbia University, BA, *cum laude*, 1990

Practicing Since: 1995

Adam Lindgren is the Principal in Charge of Meyers Nave's Sacramento office. He has over 25 years of experience in municipal law and complex land use development. Adam has served as the City Attorney for the City of Rancho Cordova since 2006 and serves as Special Counsel to cities and special districts statewide, as well as representing private parties on complex land use matters. He recently served for six years as the City Attorney for the City of Modesto (population 215,000) where he managed a hybrid office of five in-house staff and outside counsel, and a total annual legal services budget in excess of \$2 million, before successfully transitioning the City Attorney role to a fellow Meyers Nave Principal who served with Adam as Assistant City Attorney.

His recent private projects include advising a large Northern California ranch on a variety of land use issues including land use permitting, environmental compliance, and wild fire recovery and prevention strategies. Adam also recently assisted a leading national real estate investor in conducting comprehensive land use due diligence on a potential investment in a large proposed data center and IT facility in Silicon Valley.

Adam's recent public projects include working on the Monterey Peninsula advising the City of Monterey on subdivision and vested rights issues for a major Cannery Row mixed-use development, and working with Sand City to prepare a development agreement for a mixed-use project to redevelop blighted commercial and industrial properties with a hotel, a variety of housing and a significant sand dune preserve. Adam also recently prepared a development agreement for the City of Modesto with a major downtown food processing plant that is one of the city's largest jobs-producers. He also continues to work on processing land use and development approvals and permits for thousands of acres of subdivisions, mixed-use and commercial projects for the City of Rancho Cordova.

Adam's land use experience includes preparing comprehensive general plan updates and annexations, processing land use entitlement documents for mixed-use developments and complex subdivision map approvals, negotiating development agreements for large-scale planned unit projects, advising on development impact fees, and managing property related issues and leasing for large-scale agricultural properties.

Adam is the managing co-editor and an update coauthor of numerous chapters in the leading comprehensive publication on land use law, *California Land Use Practice*, published and updated annually since 2006 by Continuing Education of the Bar. He has written and lectured extensively on a wide array of land use and municipal law topics, including the Subdivision Map Act, development arrangements, the Brown Act, conflicts of interests, due process, Proposition 218, takings and exactions, zoning, district formation, the Coastal Act, geologic hazard abatement districts, and ethics. He speaks statewide for groups including the League of California Cities, State Bar of California, American Bar Association, California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, and California Special Districts Association, among others.

Adam began his legal career in Washington, D.C. as a legislative assistant to a member of the United States House of Representatives. On Capitol Hill, Adam focused on land use, environmental and local government issues. In his personal time, he is an avid outdoors person, a car buff, and a Masters Rower with Capital Crew. Adam and his wife Dede have been married for over 22 years and are proud parents of two college-aged children.

Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Municipal Law, 2016-2023
- "Top Lawyers," State, Local & Municipal Law, *Sacramento Magazine*, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
- *Proclamation* honoring expertise and service, City of Rancho Cordova, 2015
- *Resolution* honoring expertise and service, 8th District Assemblyman Ken Cooley, 2015
- "Northern California Super Lawyer," *Super Lawyers Magazine*, State, Local & Municipal Law, 2005

Professional Affiliations

- Member, The State Bar of California
- Member, Sacramento County Bar Association
- Member, Central Valley City Attorneys' Association
- Past Member, Legal Advocacy Committee, City Attorneys' Department, League of California Cities

- Past Chair and Editorial Board Member, Municipal Law Handbook Committee, League of California Cities' City Attorneys Department
- Past Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Practice Management and Ethical Standards, League of California Cities' City Attorneys Department
- Former Co-Chair, American Bar Association Section on State and Local Government, Subcommittee on Vested Rights
- Past Member, Toast Masters International
- Past Member, Rotary International

Publications and Presentations

- Managing Co-editor, *California Land Use Practice*, CEB, 2006-2020
- Update Coauthor, *California Land Use Practice*, Chapters 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16, CEB, 2020
- Presenter, "California Land Use and Zoning: Overview and Recent Developments," Lorman Education Services, 2016
- Presenter, "Subdivision Map Act 101: Recent Case Law and Current Topics Impacting Development," San Diego County Bar Association, 2015
- Presenter, "Administrative Hearing Procedures and Practice," Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), 2014
- Presenter, "Overview of Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Law in California," 2014
- Presenter, "Proposition 218," Northern California City Clerks Association, 2014
- Presenter, "Common Issues for Quasi-Judicial Hearings," LOCC Annual Conference, 2013
- Presenter, "Mastering the Map Act," CEB, 2013
- Presenter, "Untangling the Web of Fair Political Practices (FPPC) Regulations," Northern California City Clerks Association (NCCCA), 2012
- Presenter, "Rezoning and Refinancing: Municipal Opportunities for Non-residential Development," Sacramento County Bar Association – Real Estate Section, 2010
- Presenter, "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Land Use Planning ... But Were Afraid To Ask," Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC), 2009
- Presenter, "Rising to the 'Promise' of Transit Oriented Development," World Jurist Association (WJA), Kiev, Ukraine, 2009
- Presenter, "Development Approval Process," Lorman Education Services, 2007 and 2008
- Presenter, "Nuts and Bolts of the Entitlement Process," State Bar Annual Meeting, 2008

- Presenter, “Land Use: Major and Minor Subdivisions; Rules & Laws,” Sonoma County Bar Association Real Property Practice Series, 2008
- Presenter, “Show Me the Water! How the Regulatory Drought and California’s Water & Planning Laws Demand New Partnerships among Landowners/Property Developers, Water Agencies and Land-Use Agencies ... A City Attorney’s Perspective,” State Bar – Real Property Retreat, 2008
- “Presenter, Zoning, Subdivision & Land Use Law,” Lorman Education Services, 2007 and 2008
- Presenter, “Advanced Zoning & Land Use,” Lorman Education Services, 2007
- Presenter, “Hidden Land Use Fees,” The State Bar of California Annual Meeting, 2007
- Presenter, “CEQA,” CALAFCO Annual Seminar, 2007
- Presenter, “Subdivision Map Act,” CEB, 2007
- Author, “Land Use Update,” League of California Cities Annual Conference, City Attorneys’ Department, September 2006
- Presenter, “Land Use Entitlement Process in a Nutshell,” The State Bar of California Annual Meeting – Real Property Law Section, 2006
- Author, “California Zoning Practice,” CEB Update, 2002, 2003 and 2004
- Author, “Practicing Ethics: A Handbook for Municipal Lawyers,” League of California Cities, 2004
- Author, “What Do You Mean I Can’t Build? A Comparative Analysis of When Property Rights Vest,” Recent Developments in Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law, American Bar Association, *Urban Lawyer*, Vol. 31, No. 4, Fall 1999