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Julia Bond is chair of the firm's Writs and Appeals Practice Group, and is an experienced trial and appellate court litigator. Specializing in complex land use and environmental law litigation, she represents primarily public entity clients in matters involving the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the State Planning and Zoning Law, the Coastal Act, the Subdivision Map Act, the Mitigation Fee Act, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and civil rights claims in the land use context, among others. Julia co-authored the "Land Use Litigation" chapter of the *California Land Use Practice*, published by the Continuing Education of the Bar.

Creative thinking, exceptional analytical brief writing and strong oral advocacy skills set our Writs and Appeals Practice Group apart from other firms. We work hard to demonstrate to the appellate bench the merits of our clients' positions. These same abilities translate to complex writ and special proceedings in the trial courts.

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SERVICES

- Appeals and extraordinary writs in state and federal courts
- Trial court writs and complex litigation
- Dispositive motions in complex litigation
- Position papers, amicus support, white papers and opinion letters
- Advice and consultation during trial to strengthen or obviate appeals (e.g., preserve the record)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Michaelis, Montanari & Johnson v. City of Los Angeles, Department of Airports* 38 Cal.4th 1065 (Cal. 2006). Successfully defended the City of Los Angeles' Department of Airports in a Public Records Act challenge and obtained a landmark ruling from the California Supreme Court regarding disclosure of competitive proposals.
- *Huppert v. City of Pittsburg*, 574 F.3d 696 (9th Cir. 2009). Successfully defended a

city and supervising police officers in a case deciding whether former officers' statements and testimony in connection with alleged corruption in city departments can form the basis of a federal civil rights claim for First Amendment retaliation.

- *Bias v. Moynihan*, 508 F.3d 1212 (9th Cir. 2007). Successfully argued for police officer immunity from liability when an officer elects to detain a person for psychiatric evaluation.
- *Gammoh v. City of La Habra* 395 F.3d 1114 (9th Cir. 2005), amended 402 F.3d 875, cert denied 126 S.Ct 374. Successfully defended the City of La Habra's adult use restrictions on off-stage performances ("lap dances") and obtained a Ninth Circuit published decision that serves as the touchstone by which all operating standards are judged throughout the country.
- *North Bay Constr., Inc. v. City of Petaluma*, 143 Cal.App.4th 552 (2006). Successfully argued that a mechanic's lien cannot be enforced against public property, even if the work for which recovery is sought was not performed as part of a public works project, nor can such contractor recover based on quasi-contract theory.
- *Placer Cty. Local Agency Form. Comm. v. Nevada Cty. Local Agency Form. Comm.*, 135 Cal.App.4th 793 (2006). Successfully argued that the principal county maintains unitary jurisdiction over planning matters for multi-county special districts in an appeal for intervenor Truckee Sanitary District.