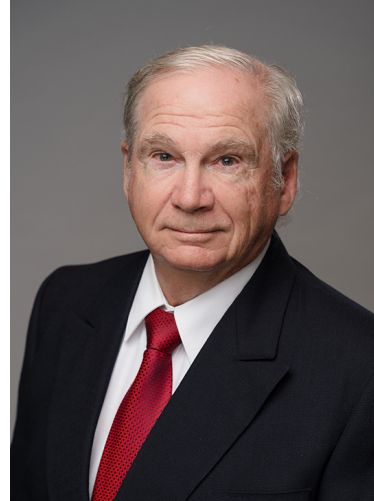




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Practice Areas

- [PUBLIC AGENCY](#)
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- [ELECTION LAW AND INITIATIVE PROCESS](#)
- [HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION](#)
- PROPOSITION 218 AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS
- [BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW](#)

Education

- Juris Doctor, Pepperdine University School of Law, 1975
- Pepperdine Law Review, 1975
- Dean's List, 1974-1975
- Award of Excellence - Real Property, 1974
- Award of Excellence - Landlord & Tenant, 1974

Admissions

- California State Bar, 1975
- United States District Court, Central District of California, 1976

Scott E. Nichols is a Senior Partner with over 50 years of experience specializing in



municipal law, litigation, and public policy. His extensive career reflects a deep commitment to public agency governance and the legal frameworks that shape cities and communities across California. Mr. Nichols has built a reputation as a trusted advisor in land use, zoning, redevelopment, and public works contracts, offering legal counsel at numerous City Council and Planning Commission meetings. His expertise in areas such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has played a pivotal role in shaping public policies and legal standards statewide.

He has presented at various professional forums, including the Contract Cities Association and the American Planning Association, and has mentored aspiring attorneys through educational programs. His dedication to community service is evident through his involvement with organizations like Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity, where he contributes to providing affordable housing solutions.

Mr. Nichols' career stands as a testament to his leadership in municipal law and his unwavering commitment to justice and public service. His legal work continues to influence policy and protect public interests, making him a respected figure both within his firm and throughout the legal community.

Service, Awards, Publications, Speaking Engagements, and Other Professional Experience

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County
- Board of Directors, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Speaker, Presenter - Contract Cities Association - "Recent Legislation Concerning Planning"
- Speaker, Presenter - California Municipal Business Tax Association - "Business License Taxation"
- Speaker - American Planning Association - "Sign Code Laws"
- Speaker and Mentor - California Bar Association Law Day
- Speaker - Boy Scouts, Explorers - Career Awareness Program