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#### PRACTICE AREA

Real Estate  
 Acquisitions and Dispositions  
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 Pre-Litigation Dispute Resolution

#### EDUCATION

J.D., Southwestern University School of Law  
 Scholarship Recipient (1972-1973)

B.A., University of California Los Angeles

#### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

California  
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

## CHRISTOPHER M. WESTHOFF, Of Counsel

Christopher M. Westhoff was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles and served as General Counsel for the City's Department of Public Works for over 27 years.

After passing the California Bar Exam, he immediately began working for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. As a prosecutor for that office, Mr. Westhoff tried over 75 criminal jury trials during his first three years on the job. He then ran the City Attorney's trial training program for two years. In 1979, he transferred to the City Attorney Office's Civil Division as a member of the Revenue and Business Litigation Division, and shortly thereafter became General Counsel to the City's Department of Public Works.

Except for a three-year break in City service from 1982 to 1985, Mr. Westhoff was the only attorney assigned full time as General Counsel to the Department of Public Works from 1980 until he retired from the City in 2010. He advised the Board of Public Works and its five bureaus on all aspects of municipal, administrative, regulatory, environmental and construction law with an emphasis on public contracting and bidding. Mr. Westhoff has overseen more than \$12 billion of Public Works contract awards. He also represented the department in contract negotiations and before regulatory bodies such as the Air Quality Management District, the State Integrated Waste Management Board, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Westhoff also handled specialty litigation involving all aspects of wastewater collection and treatment as well as challenges to the authority of the Board of Public Works on public contracting matters. He successfully defended the City's Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise and Other Business Enterprise Subcontractor Outreach Program before the California Supreme Court in 1994. (*Domar Electric, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* [1994] 9 Cal.4th 161).

#### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- City of Los Angeles Assistant City Attorney, Board of Public Works | Civil Branch | General Counsel
- Ticor Title Insurance Company of California | Sr. Claims Counsel and Manager, Vice President
- National Association of Clean Water Agencies | Board of Directors and Past President
- Salesian High School Advisory Board | Chairman
- UCLA Bruin Bench | Board of Directors
- Salesian Boys and Girls Clubs of Los Angeles | Board Member