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## Joseph D. Hughes | Managing Partner

Joseph D. Hughes is the managing partner at KDG and joined the firm in 2006. His practice concentrates in the areas of water law, public agency law, and trust litigation. He was admitted to the California State Bar in 1993 after obtaining his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law that same year. Hughes holds a B.A. degree from UC Santa Barbara.

### Practice Focus

Water and Public Agency Law

### Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, 1993

### Education

Bachelor of Arts, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1990  
Juris Doctor, Santa Clara University School of Law, 1993

### Professional Associations and Leadership

Association of California Water Agencies  
-Member of the Legal Affairs Committee, 2012-present  
General Counsel  
-Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, North of River Sanitary District, West Kern Water District  
Kern County Bar Association  
-Member of the Board of Directors, 2015-2017  
Judge Pro Tem, Small Claims, Kern County Superior Court, 2001-2004

### Community Involvement

Kern County Museum Foundation  
-Member of the Board of Trustees, 2013-present  
Kern County Law Library  
-Member of the Board of Trustees, 2000-present  
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.  
-Member of the Board of Directors, 2000-2011  
Kern County Employees Retirement Association  
-Member of the Board of Trustees, 2004-2012  
-Chairman, 2009  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Programs  
-Attorney Coach, South High School, Mock Trial Team, 1996-1998  
Adjunct Professor, California State University, Bakersfield, Wills and Probate, 2010 and 2012  
AYSO, Coach, U-6, U-8 and U-10

### Professional Experience

Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 2006-present  
-Managing Partner, 2014-present  
Kuks, Parker & Hughes, Associate & Partner, 1995-2005  
Kern County Counsel, Deputy County Counsel, 1994