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Joseph D. Hughes has been practicing law since 1994, and his focuses his practice in the areas of water and public agency law. Joe represents public agencies and private companies in managing and protecting their water resources. He is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level of distinction.

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
-Majors in Political Science and Communication Studies
Juris Doctor, Santa Clara University School of Law, 1993

Professional Associations

General Counsel

- Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District
- West Kern Water District
- Kings River Water Association, Kings River Conservation District, Kings River Water Quality Coalition
- Chowchilla Water District
- Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Kern County Bar Association
 - Member of the Board of Directors, 2015-present
 - Treasurer, 2018
- Association of California Water Agencies
 - Member of the Legal Affairs Committee, 2012-present

Community Involvement and Leadership

- Kern County Museum Foundation
 - Member of the Board of Trustees, 2013-present
 - Chairman, 2017-present
- Kern County Employees Retirement Association
 - Member of the Board of Trustees, 2004-2012
 - Chairman, 2009
- Kern County Law Library
 - Member of the Board of Trustees, 2002-2017
- Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.
 - Member of the Board of Directors, 2000-2011
- Judge Pro Tem, Small Claims, Kern County Superior Court, 2001-2004
- Kern County Superintendent of Schools Programs
 - Attorney Coach, South High School, Mock Trial Team, 1996-1998

Professional Experience

- Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 2006-present
 - Managing Partner, 2014-2018
- Kuhs, Parker & Hughes, Associate & Partner, 1995-2005
- Kern County Counsel, Deputy County Counsel, 1994

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