



PUBLIC ENTITY

BHGR's public entity practice group provides services as general and special counsel to all types of governmental entities, including counties, home-rule municipalities, statutory towns and cities, water conservancy districts, and special districts, in a diverse range of legal matters, including law enforcement, land use, employment, taxation, annexation, public finance, and construction issues, and the litigation related to such issues. For example:

- Our lawyers are experienced in assisting public entities with the development of personnel policies and procedures, and in litigating employment disputes, including allegations of employment discrimination, wrongful termination, and similar matters in both state and federal courts throughout Colorado.
- We also assist governmental entities with matters related to the Colorado Open Records Act, the Colorado Open Meetings Law, and public finance, including TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights).
- In the land use area, our attorneys have particular expertise in representing cities and counties in all facets of the entitlement process including disputes involving annexation, zoning, eminent domain, and claims alleging the taking of property without just compensation.
- Our firm regularly defends county sheriffs, city police departments, correctional institutions, and prosecuting attorneys in claims involving allegations of false arrest, malicious prosecution, excessive force, and other claims commonly encountered in connection with law enforcement.

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