

JOHN R. FRICKE

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EXPERIENCE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

June 2016 – present

Principal Analyst

Oakland, CA

Manage the Pretrial Services Unit and the Office of Collaborative Court Services.

CONTRA COSTA SENIOR LEGAL SERVICES

October 2015 – June 2016

Staff Attorney

Concord, CA

Provided legal assistance and representation to seniors in housing matters, elder abuse allegations, and other legal matters.

- Defended debt collection case in which debt consolidation company eventually settled over a credit card debt that it had failed to resolve.
- Obtained elder abuse restraining order on behalf of seventy-year-old client who was being threatened by her son.

ALAMEDA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

2014 – 2015

Director, Court Appointed Attorneys Program

Oakland, CA

Led a program of 130 private-practice attorneys who provide representation to indigent criminal defendants for whom the Alameda County Public Defender has declared a conflict of interest.

- Created and oversaw a peer-review process of all the attorneys in the program, resulting in data from over 200 reviewers to inform the selection process for the 2015 panel.
- Acted as liaison with the judges handling criminal matters in the Alameda County courts.
- Convened meetings with program stakeholders, including private and public sector attorneys, judicial officers, county administrative staff members, and politicians.
- Sought and obtained approval from the program's fiscal agent, the Alameda County Administrator's Office, to increase the hourly rates for attorneys.
- Devised and implemented technological updates to streamline recordkeeping, payroll, and operations.

BELES & BELES

Oakland, CA

Contract Attorney

1996 – 1997, 2015

Participated in all aspects of criminal cases.

- Drafted and argued motions in criminal court.
- Represented criminal clients in pre-trial hearings.
- Drafted post-conviction relief pleadings.

LAW OFFICE OF JOHN R. FRICKE

2006 – 2014

Solo Practitioner

Emeryville, CA; and San Francisco, CA

Represented small businesses and individuals in both litigation and transactional matters.

- Reviewed and negotiated contracts, grants, and commercial leases for non-profit organization.
- *Practice highlights:* Successfully established auto repair business as a pre-existing, non-conforming use in face of effort by Oakland's Zoning Department to close business; prepared real estate case for trial.

CITY OF EMERYVILLE

2005 – 2009

Elected Councilmember

Emeryville, CA

Designed and implemented policies to promote the welfare and quality of life of Emeryville residents.

- Advocated for and enforced successful living-wage ballot initiative.
- Reviewed contracts in connection with proposed development projects, and demanded that projects require specific community benefits as a condition of approval.
- Expanded affordable housing inclusionary ordinance.
- Improved pedestrian and bicycle access, increased amount of open space, and advocated for progressive public transportation and land use policies.

HARPER & ASSOCIATES*Associate*2001 – 2005
Emeryville, CA

Handled all manner of real estate issues for businesses, nonprofits, and individuals.

- Spearheaded refinancing of commercial building.
- Represented pyrotechnics manufacturer in environmental enforcement action.
- Litigated contract dispute on behalf of commercial tenant against landlord that overcharged for maintenance costs.
- Litigated CEQA matters on behalf of clients who owned historical structures impacted by adjacent residential renovations.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGAL CENTER*Staff Attorney*2000 – 2001
Oakland, CA

Advised tobacco control advocates on regulating tobacco retailers through licensing and land use laws.

- Persuaded county and state employee retirement boards to divest their investments in tobacco companies by drafting legal argument that divestment fulfilled retirement board members' fiduciary duty to retirees.

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE*Associate Deputy Public Defender**Interviewing Attorney*Oakland, CA
1999 – 2000
1995 – 1996

Tried seven jury trials to verdict in cases involving drug possession, driving under the influence, violation of restraining order, and domestic violence.

- Represented misdemeanor clients in arraignment court, in drug court, at pre-trial hearings, and at post-conviction progress hearings.
- Interviewed clients, conducted investigation, and counseled clients regarding plea offer versus going to trial.
- Negotiated plea-bargains with District Attorney.

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT*Law Clerk to Judge Michael Ballachey*

Prepared for oral arguments by reviewing briefs submitted by counsel, researching case law and identifying relevant issues not raised in briefs.

1999
Oakland, CA

- Drafted court opinions and research memoranda.
- Organized voluminous document production in a complex civil litigation trial.

OFFICE OF OAKLAND MAYOR ELIHU M. HARRIS*Policy Advisor*

Investigated policy issues involving public safety and blight, briefing Mayor through memoranda and in person.

1997 – 1998
Oakland, CA

- Represented Mayor on Public Safety Committee, which oversees police and fire departments.
- Monitored the status of cases before the Citizens' Police Review Board to regularly update Mayor.
- Reported to Mayor on policy debates involving medical marijuana, grand jury findings, and other public safety matters.
- Advised constituents on restraining orders, eviction actions, vehicle impoundments, and other inquiries.
- Shepherded proposed ordinance regulating billboards by organizing volunteer effort to photograph and pinpoint every billboard, by researching state law, and by creating innovative computer mapping system. Resulting City Council ordinances prohibit billboards from advertising alcohol or tobacco products within 1,000 feet of places where children congregate, and mandated the removal billboards in residential areas.

EDUCATION**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, WI***Juris Doctor***NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL***Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Urban Studies*