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Alex Van Roekel provides counsel to clients on state and federal water law issues, including compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, litigation strategy in both state and federal court and public policy within the water sector. Alex also tracks and reports upon developments affecting the water industry.

Alex advises public agency clients as general counsel and outside special counsel on all aspects of water and government law, including the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. He assists in developing strategy on how to best adapt to new legislation and regulations as well as changing factual circumstances. He also assists his public agency clients in litigation, including both bringing and defending against claims against other public agencies or private parties.

Alex further supports his clients in regulatory and administrative proceedings. For investor-owned water utility companies, Alex assists in every type of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) matter, including ratemakings, rulemakings and investigations. He has experience assisting in representing clients on complex matters before the CPUC, including costs of capital, general rate cases and appeals, including to the California Supreme Court. Alex also has worked on permitting and other matters in front of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Alex defends litigation in both state and federal court. Alex has experience defending against common law claims, including trespass and nuisance actions. He also has experience defending against statutory claims, including those brought under the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Prior to attending law school, Alex served as a Legislative Affairs Intern for the Office of California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "EPA's Enforcement Discretion and Settlement Policy for its PFAS CERCLA Rule | Part II: A Salve or Hot Air?", *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.23.2024

Co-Author, "EPA Designates Two PFAS as Hazardous Substances Under CERCLA | Part I: Impacts on Potentially Responsible Parties," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.22.2024

Co-Author, "Keeping America's Water Safe to Drink – EPA Announces PFAS MCL," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.10.2024

Author, "LAO Issues Report Criticizing the "Make Conservation a California Way of Life" Framework – Are Changes Coming?," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.16.2024

Contributor, "California Water Views - 2023 Outlook," *Nossaman Periodical*, 04.01.2023

Co-Author, "EPA Releases Long-Awaited Proposed PFAS Standards," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.15.2023

Author, "Newsom Announces Budget Proposal Which Includes \$6 Billion in Cuts to Environmental/Climate Change Programs," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.12.2023

Author, "Court Decision Limits State Water Resources Control Board's Authority Over Pre-1914 Appropriative Rights," *Nossaman eAlert*, 09.22.2022

Author, "EPA Proposes Listing Two PFAS as Hazardous Substances," *Nossaman eAlert*, 09.01.2022

Co-Author, "California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to Climate Change, One State at a Time," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.16.2022

Author, "Ninth Circuit Reverses Itself – New Opinion Removes Potential for RCRA "Transporter" Liability for Water Providers," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.13.2022

Author, "Newsom Issues Executive Order N-7-22 Outlining California's New Drought Strategies," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.14.2022

PRACTICES

Water Law
Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Water

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2021; *Order of the Coif*; Masin Family Academic Excellence Gold Award; Articles Editor, *Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*
University of Southern California, B.A., 2013

ADMISSIONS

California
U.S. District Court, Southern District of California