

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND POLITICAL

Rutan has assembled a team of highly qualified professionals from several practice areas to provide representation to entities which must participate in the public policy, regulatory, and political arenas. These practice areas include government and regulatory law, land use and environmental law, and litigation. Simply put, we provide practical, real world advice and solutions to the many complex public policy, legal, political, and regulatory issues facing today's corporations, government agencies, associations, nonprofits, and individuals.

Rutan's historical presence in shaping many of California's earliest public agencies creates an unmatched level of understanding of the issues facing both public agencies and private entities. As such, our practice group has both the depth and breadth rarely found in one law firm, as many of our attorneys have represented entities in some of the State of California's most complex and challenging public policy issues, such as, renewable energy, redevelopment, affordable housing, fees and taxes, healthcare, solid waste and recycling, transportation, education and water.

Our practice group attorneys represent clients before State and Local regulatory agencies and elected bodies by providing strategic lobbying and related government relations services (e.g., coalition building and drafting legislation) and, if appropriate, public policy litigation services. We assist our clients with structuring and responding to public agency procurement opportunities including developing creative public private partnerships. We also assist clients in all aspects of their political activities including providing advice relating to complex political campaign reporting rules, advising political action committees (PACs), developing ethics policies, and appearing before ethics agencies (e.g., the Fair Political Practice Commission including assisting with enforcement matters) and related election law services (e.g., drafting statewide and local ballot initiatives and referenda and litigating writs of mandate). Our attorneys are seasoned veterans of many efforts and are experienced advocates who understand how to represent clients creatively, efficiently, and effectively.