



Renne Public Law Group
Public Law Fellowship Program 2021
Syllabus / Schedule

Introduction: Welcome to our Public Law Fellowship Program for 2021. We are excited to meet each of you, and to share our deep experience in and passion for public law. This outlines our course schedule and curriculum.

If you have not already done so, please visit our website – www.publiclawgroup.com – to learn more about us and what we do.

Learning Objectives: To provide each Fellow with a strong overview of local government functions and the practice of law representing local agencies.

Overview of the Program: The 2020 Program has several components:

- (1) **Speaker Series:** We have assembled a broad array of speakers working in local government. Each speaker will address a specific topic. You will have the opportunity to interact and ask questions. The format will be Q & A on Zoom. Bios for each speaker are attached, and you are encouraged to research and learn about them.
- (2) **Teaching:** We have scheduled several topics where you will receive information and “instruction” regarding selected issues. Bios for each teacher are also attached.
- (3) **Local Government Overview – Research:** We pose 10 prompts to each Fellow. These questions are designed to cover a broad spectrum of local government laws. The questions are attached. Also included is a [Reading List](#).
- (4) **Research Assignment:** Each Fellow will have an “in depth” research project to complete. A description of the research assignment is attached. Our mission is to make the world a better place on a local level, and our assignments ask for your ideas to make things better. Local government is about providing services, from potholes to parks, police and fire, to social services, medical



assistance, water and wastewater management, land use regulation and more.

(5) **Mentorship:** Each Fellow had been assigned a mentor – an experienced attorney in our field who can answer (or attempt to answer) your various questions along the way, as well as provide support and feedback.

(6) **Fun:** Seriously. We like to have fun, and we love what we do. The sometimes crazy interactions we have with local governments trying to do the right thing, while facing obstacles including the democratic political process itself, is anything but boring.



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Renne Public Law Group
<https://rennepubliclawgroup.com/>
June 7 – 18, 2021

Schedule

All Meetings Held Via Zoom

Fellows and Other Participants Will Receive Zoom Credentials via Email

All Times Listed in Pacific Standard Time Unless Otherwise Noted

Please Observe Zoom Best Practices:

- 1. Please remain on video for all of the sessions associated with the program. You are welcome to take brief breaks to use the restroom, grab water, etc.*
- 2. To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.*
- 3. Limit Distractions*
- 4. Make sure you have an appropriate background*

Monday, June 7, 2021 – Day 1

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| 9:00am | Introduction to the Program by RPLG Co-Founders |
| 9:30am | Dedication to Randy Riddle, a giant in public law who passed away this year, by RPLG Co-Founder Jon Holtzman. Dedication to Rick Doyle, Former San Jose City Attorney, by Nora Frimann. |
| 10:00 – 11:15am | <u>Speaker</u> : Meet Willie L. Brown, Jr. , the renowned former Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, and longtime Speaker of the California Assembly. Moderated by RPLG Co-Founder, Art Hartinger . |
| 1:00 – 2:15pm | <u>Curriculum</u> <i>Local Government Entities in California</i> by Amy Ackerman , RPLG Of Counsel and General Counsel to the Town of Corte Madera and RPLG Associate Ethan Pawson . |



- 3:00 – 4:00pm Discussion Section Fellow roundtable to discuss daily questions.
- 4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project topic/prompt.
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Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – Day 2

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: A Conversation with **Steve Kawa**, Senior Government and Political Advisor; and **Joaquin Torres**, Assessor-Recorder for the City and County of San Francisco Moderated by RPLG Co-Founder, **Art Hartinger**.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum An Interview with **Dennis Aftergut**, RPLG Of Counsel and Co-Founder of the Coalition to Preserve, Protect & Defend. Moderated by RPLG Co-Founder, **Jon Holtzman**.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Mentor Meeting One-on-one Zoom meeting with your mentor.
- 4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project.
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Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – Day 3

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: Moderated discussion regarding *Our State Capitol & Governance: An Insider's Perspective* with **Dane Hutchings**, Director of the Renne Public Policy Group, and **Dan Carrigg**, Former Chief Lobbyist for the League of California Cities. Led by RPLG Co-Founder, **Jon Holtzman**.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum An interview with Mayor of Corte Madera **Eli Beckman**, moderated by RPLG Of Counsel and General Counsel to the Town of Corte Madera **Amy Ackerman**.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Discussion Section Fellow roundtable to discuss daily questions.



4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project topic/prompt.

Thursday, June 10, 2021 – Day 4

10:30 – 11:30am: Speakers: *COVID-18 Retrospective – How Well Did Local Government Respond?* with **Ken Cutler**, former public health officer of Nevada County and public health advisor to the state of California.

1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum by RPLG Partner **Julian Gross**. *Labor as it relates to PLAs, Workforce Development, and Affordable Housing.*

3:00 – 4:00pm Discussion Section Fellow roundtable to discuss daily questions.

4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project.

Friday, June 11, 2021 – Day 5

10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: Panel on *Management of Local Cities in California*. The panelists will include **Todd Cusimano**, town counsel to the town of Corte Madera, and **Dee Williams-Ridley**, the city manager of the city of Berkeley.

1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum: An overview of *COVID-19 Legal Issues* by RPLG Senior Associate **Steve Cikes** and RPLG Of Counsel **Jenica Maldonado**.

3:00 – 4:00pm Discussion Section Fellow roundtable to discuss daily questions.

4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project.



Monday, June 14, 2021 – Day 6

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: A moderated discussion regarding *The Relationship Between State and Local Government* with **Michael Colantuano**, a specialist in appellate law, **Corrie Manning**, general counsel for the League of California Cities, and **Pat Martel**, ICMA west coast regional director
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum RPLG Associate **Imran Dar** will interview RPLG Chair **Louise Renne** about some of her past and present *Affirmative Litigation* projects, including taking on Juul, holding large companies like Pinterest accountable for the racial disparities on their board, and her role in the Nationwide Opioid litigation.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Discussion Section
- 4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming presentations and lessons, the smaller research questions, and your larger individual project.
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Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – Day 7

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: Panel with **Andrew Schwartz**, Partner at Shute, Mihaly, & Weinberger and Stanford Law School lecturer and **Bevan Dufty**, Member of the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors; *Housing, Transportation, Land Use and Sustainability*.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum *Mental Health, Human Services and Homelessness*.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Mentor Meeting One-on-one Zoom meeting with your mentor.
- 4:00pm – End of day Individual work time: Plan on preparing for upcoming lessons using the provided study materials and work on your individual research project.
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Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – Day 8

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: A look at *Policing and Public Safety Reform* with RPLG Senior Associate **Jamal Anderson**.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Curriculum **Michael Cohen** will give a survey lecture on the topic of redistricting in California.
- 2:15pm – End of day No discussion section today. Utilize this time to work on your research project and prepare for your presentation.
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Thursday, June 17, 2021 – Day 9

- 10:00 – 11:45am: Speaker: *The Trials and Tribulations of the City Attorney* with San Jose City Attorney **Nora Frimann** and County of Santa Clara Deputy County Counsel **Masa Shiohira**. Moderated by RPLG Co-Founder **Art Hartinger**.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Presentations by Fellows.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Presentations by Fellows.
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Friday, June 18, 2021 – Day 10

- 10:30am – Noon: Speaker: Panel with current labor experts regarding *Labor & Employment*. The panelists will include **Carol Isen**, Employee Relations Director at the City and County of San Francisco, and **Masa Shiohira**, Lead of the County Counsel’s Labor and Employment Team. Moderated by RPLG Partner **Jon Holtzman**.
- 1:00 – 2:15pm Presentations by Fellows.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm Presentations by Fellows & wrap-up remarks by RPLG Partners.