

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Catherine Engberg joined Shute, Mihaly, & Weinberger in 2002 after completing a clerkship with the Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. Ms. Engberg is a partner at the firm. Her practice includes municipal law, local initiatives and referendums, CEQA compliance and litigation, eminent domain, real estate transactions, and general plan and zoning law.

Ms. Engberg is a member of the firm's initiative and referendum committee, and has drafted numerous ballot measures on behalf of community groups. She has litigation experience in both state and federal court regarding constitutional, CEQA and election law matters. Ms. Engberg has advised several public agencies in connection with updates to their general plans and related CEQA documentation. Most recently, she assisted Marin County with its updated Countywide Plan that received the 2008 National Planning Excellence Award for Implementation from the American Planning Association for its innovative policies on sustainability and climate change.

Ms. Engberg has served as acting City Attorney to both the City of Orinda and City of Saratoga, assisting City staff and officials with a wide array of legal matters. She regularly advises clients regarding open meeting laws, conflicts of interest, and public records.

Ms. Engberg has published in the Stanford Law Review and the Stanford Environmental Law Journal on topics of ranging from citizen initiatives to legal issues regarding the decommissioning of dams. She has led CEQA and election law workshops sponsored by the Planning and Conservation League. Ms. Engberg received her law degree, with distinction, from Stanford Law School in 2001 and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1995. Prior to attending law school, she worked as an environmental engineer and is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer.

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