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Sue Ann Salmon Evans is Managing Shareholder of the Long Beach office and serves as the firm's General Counsel. Sue Ann has represented school districts for 25 years in state and federal court, the California Supreme Court, the California Court of Appeal, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court as well as in administrative hearings, arbitrations and mediations. She has been representing school districts on charter school matters since the early years of the Charter Schools Act and is called upon as a leading expert in charter school matters.

Sue Ann advises districts with regard to all aspects of charter schools, including reviewing and analyzing charter petitions, oversight, charter governance, special education, funding, and facilities allocation. She has handled numerous revocations and successfully defended the school board's decision to revoke on appeal to the State Board of Education. She has been involved in the legislative process, including representing CSBA, ACSA and CASBO through the rulemaking process before the State Board of Education. Sue Ann has also handled many landmark cases to protect school districts in disputes related to the chartering process and allocation of facilities under Proposition 39.

In addition to her experience with charter school matters, Sue Ann works closely with school boards, advising with regard to all aspects of education law including the conduct of public meetings, conflict of interest issues, state mandated costs, and responding to Public Records Act requests. Her litigation experience includes employment actions, special education appeals, Brown Act compliance, Public Records Act compliance, tax and funding allocation issues, contract disputes, school attendance, pupil record issues and custody orders, school law enforcement, and legal challenge to a school district parcel tax. Sue Ann serves on the California School Boards Association's Education Legal Alliance and has served as amicus counsel to CSBA on several leading education law cases. In her role on the Education Legal Alliance, Sue Ann advises and consults on all aspects of education law and provides input regarding education related litigation. Sue Ann is a frequent speaker at the annual CSBA conference and provides trainings to school districts including on charter schools, conflicts of



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interest, and the Brown Act.

## EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School (J.D.)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A.)

## ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Los Angeles County Bar Association

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Board Ethics, Transparency and Accountability
- Business and Property
- Construction
- Charter Schools
- Community Colleges / Higher Education
- Labor, Employment and Personnel
- Litigation
- Public Entities, Nonprofit Corporations and Independent Schools
- Students and Special Education

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *EEOC v. Newport Mesa Unified School District* (C.D. Cal. 1995) 893 F.Supp. 927
- *Katz v. Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Dist.* (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 47
- *Woodbury v. Brown-Dempsey* (2003) 108 Cal.App.4th 421 (amicus counsel)
- *Greene v. Pomona Unified School Dist.* (1995) 32 Cal.App.4th 1216
- *California School Boards Ass'n v. Brown* (2011) 192 Cal.App.4th 1507
- *Orange County Dept. of Educ. v. California Dept. of Educ.*, — F.3d —, 2011 WL 1886179



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- *Sullivan v. Centinela Valley Union High School Dist.* (2011) 194 Cal.App.4th 69
- *Walnut Valley Unified School Dist. v. Superior Court* (2011) 192 Cal.App.4th 234
- *California School Boards Assn. v. State Bd. of Educ.* (2010) 191 Cal.App.4th 530
- *United Teachers of Los Angeles v. Los Angeles Unified School Dist.* (2012) 54 Cal.4th 504
- *Los Angeles Unified School Dist. v. Superior Court* (2007) 151 Cal.App.4th 759
- *Ridgecrest Charter School v. Sierra Sands Unified School Dist.* (2005) 130 Cal.App.4th 986
- *Veguez v. Governing Bd. of Long Beach Unified School Dist.* (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 406

## **MEDIA/PUBLICATIONS**

- Education Insights: Legal Update, Season 2, Episode 6 – “Adequacy”
- What Does the Vergara Decision Mean for California Schools?
- Crisis Intervention: Responding to a Critical Incident
- CSBA Webcast: “Charter School Accountability and Oversight”