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Professional Experience

Sharon Suarez is a partner at the Gibbs Giden law firm in Los Angeles with over 30 years of experience in public and private construction law. Sharon focuses her practice on representing and counseling public schools, community college districts and health care districts with respect to construction, facilities, real estate, purchasing, contracts and related matters. Her practice consists of providing advice, consultation and legal services concerning public works and procurement issues, including bidding procedures award of contracts preparation of construction, including bidding, construction management, project management, design professional and other consultants agreements, contract administration and close-out and dispute resolution. In the course of representing schools and colleges, Sharon has worked on a wide range of issues, including site selection and development, documenting and handling real estate transactions including easements, entitlements, zoning and land use issues, drafting and implementation of project labor agreements, community outreach programs and owner-controlled insurance programs, managing bidding, contract and claims issues.

Sharon is actively involved in various public agency and construction related organizations. She routinely speaks before various construction and facilities related associations and presents workshops and seminars throughout the State of California on topics of interest to schools and community college districts.

Practice Areas

- Construction Law
- Public Contracts
- Real Estate Law

- Business Law

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, (J.D.), Los Angeles, CA, 1989
- University of Southern California (B.A., International Relations, Spanish), Los Angeles, CA, 1981
 - Presidential Scholar

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California Bar No. 143881, Admitted 1989
- U.S. District Courts, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

Professional Memberships

- California Association of School Business Officials, (CASBO)
- California's Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH)
- Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC), Board of Directors
- Los Angeles County Office of Education Facilities Network