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Lori Anne Dolqueist's practice focuses on water, energy, transportation and telecommunications regulatory matters before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). She is experienced in representing clients in utility mergers and acquisitions, rate cases, investigations, rulemakings and other aspects of state and federal regulation. Lori has specialized expertise in California utility regulatory matters, with particular focus on matters involving water utilities. She has been interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, NPR and CNBC.com about California utility issues.

In recent years, Lori has been actively engaged by her utility clients in increasingly complex general rate cases before the CPUC and is able to deliver optimal results through both settlement negotiations and CPUC litigation. She has also represented clients in the accelerating number of mergers and acquisitions taking place in the utility industry in California, and has obtained timely approval of such transactions with favorable terms. Lori has also assisted clients that are the subject of CPUC investigations and successfully obtained approval of controversial multimillion-dollar utility capital projects.

Lori is able to provide assistance with ratemaking, rulemaking, investigation and complaint proceedings at the CPUC for regulated entities and other interested parties. From developing compelling pleadings to navigating the complex CPUC process, she is able to deliver favorable results for her clients. Additionally, based on her extensive knowledge of administrative hearings, Lori has developed a multiday witness preparation program that allows both experienced and new witnesses to maximize the effectiveness of their time on the stand.

## INSIGHTS

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### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Flood or Drought? A Discussion of the Election's Potential Legislative Impacts on the Water Sector," Nossaman's 2020 Water Webinar Series, 12.03.2020

Moderator, "A Fireside Chat with CPUC President Marybel Batjer," Conference of California Public Utility Counsel (CCPUC) Spring 2020 Virtual Event, 04.30.2020

Speaker, "Keeping Current on COVID-19 Challenges for the Water Industry," Nossaman's 2020 Water Webinar Series, 04.16.2020

Speaker, "Water, Power & Fire: Coordination, Resiliency and Liability in 2020," Nossaman's 2020 Water Webinar Series, 02.26.2020

Co-Presenter, "Surf's Up or Low Tide? California's Water Sector: 2019 in Review & 2020 Predictions," Nossaman's 2019 Water Webinar Series, 12.10.2019

Moderator, "What Lies Ahead for Water Affordability and Consolidation," California Water Association 2018 Annual Conference, Monterey, CA, 10.29.2018

Speaker, "Safe Harbor: Water and California's Vulnerable Populations," Nossaman's 2018 Water Webinar Series, 04.12.2018

Panelist, "Divergent Streams: California Water Law and Policy and the Boundaries of Federalism in Water Policy," Conference of California Public Utility Counsel 2017 Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA, 10.17.2017

Speaker, "Cybersecurity Threats Facing Water Utilities and the Steps You Should Take to Mitigate Risk," Nossaman's Drought Solutions Webinar Series, 10.12.2017

Speaker, "Rate Issues and Design; Proposition 218 and Proposition 26," Nossaman's Drought Solutions Webinar Series, 01.12.2017

Speaker, "The Role of Desalination in a Balanced Water Supply Portfolio," Association of California Water Agencies, Continuing Legal Education for Water Professionals, San Diego, CA, 09.16.2016

Speaker, "Dam Removal," California-Nevada Section, American Water Works Association, 2013 Fall Conference, Sacramento, CA, 10.02.2013

Speaker, "Drinking Water and Public Health," American Water Works Association Annual Conference & Exposition, Dallas, TX, 06.12.2012

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Co-Author, "Keeping Current on COVID-19 Challenges for the Water Industry," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.09.2020

Co-Author, "Re-Evaluating California's Emergency Drought Regulation," *Law360*, 02.19.2016

Author, "Recycled Water in the Spotlight," *WaterWorld*, 09.01.2015

Interviewed, "Water Prices Rise in California," *WBFO News & Marketplace*, 07.20.2015

Quoted, "California Water Rates Rise," *Associated Press*, 07.05.2015

Author, "Rethinking Water," *Environmental Leader*, 10.22.2014

Quoted, "If California Doesn't Get Rain this Winter...", *CNBC.com*, 10.04.2014

Author, "Dealing with Drought," *WaterWorld*, 08.2014

Quoted, "California Expected to Set Mandatory Water Curbs," *The Wall Street Journal*, 07.14.2014

Quoted, "New Normal: No One Escapes Pain in Drought Areas," *CNBC.com*, 05.21.2014

Author, "How 'Green' is Your Ride?," *Environmental Leader*, 10.28.2013

Author, "Let it Flow - The Case for Dam Removal," *Environmental Leader*, 04.01.2012

Author, "The Delicate Art of Promoting Recycled Water," *Environmental Leader*, 04.18.2011

## **HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

Recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for Utilities Law in San Francisco by *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2022

Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Utilities Law, 2020-2022

Recognized as a California Trailblazer by the *Recorder*.

## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

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Conference of California Public Utility Counsel, Board of Directors

## PRACTICES

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Water Law  
Water Utility Regulation  
Government Relations & Regulation  
Litigation  
Desalination  
Government & Administrative Law  
Recycled Water  
Water Litigation  
Water Supply

## INDUSTRIES

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Energy & Utilities  
Telecommunications  
Water  
Renewable & Alternative Energy

## EDUCATION

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Georgetown University Law Center, L.L.M., 1998 | J.D., 1996  
College of New Jersey, B.A., 1992, *cum laude*

## ADMISSIONS

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California  
District of Columbia