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Jean Melious' practice is focused on handling significant administrative and litigation matters involving land use and environmental issues for clients in both the public and private sectors. Her expertise includes environmental impact assessment, planning and zoning law, endangered species legislation, transportation issues, growth management, regulation of air and water pollution, and hazardous waste regulation.

## EXPERIENCE

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**City and County of Honolulu.** Drafted a significant portion of the brief before the U.S. District Court in *Honolulutraffic.com v. FTA* in a case involving NEPA and Section 4(f) issues relating to the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor.

**Contra Costa County Transportation Authority.** Providing assistance on CEQA compliance issues (e.g., Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore; Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2004 Update and Measure C Extension for the County of Contra Costa).

**National Association of Home Builders et al.** Prepared appellate brief filed in D.C. Circuit Court challenging Quino Checkerspot "protocol" adopted under the Endangered Species Act.

**Orange County Transportation Authority et al.** Prepared appellate brief filed in D.C. Circuit Court defending "No Surprises" Endangered Species Act litigation.

**Chevron U.S.A.** Provided assistance on Endangered Species Act compliance issues in Kern County, California.

**Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies.** Provided assistance on land use, environmental, endangered species and litigation issues related to construction of toll roads in Orange County, California.

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.** Provided assistance on environmental compliance issues for construction of the Los Angeles subway system.

**Electronic Arts.** Provided assistance on environmental impact assessment and land use issues relating to the construction of a software development campus in the Bay Area.

**Mills Corporation.** Provided assistance on land use issues related to the redevelopment of Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

**Premier Parks.** Provided assistance on land use and environmental impact assessment issues related to the expansion of Marine World in Vallejo, California.

**Angus Petroleum.** Provided assistance on environmental, local government and litigation issues related to the consolidation of oil wells in Huntington Beach, California.

**Sunrise Company.** Provided assistance on land use and litigation issues related to resort development in Indian Wells, California.

**North County Resource Recovery Associates.** Provided assistance on land use and environmental issues related to construction of waste-to-energy plant in northern San Diego County.

**Casmalia Corporation.** Provided assistance on environmental issues related to the permitting and closure of a Class I hazardous waste landfill.

**Perot Group.** Provided assistance on land use and environmental issues relating to various proposed transportation improvements in southern California.

**City of Anaheim.** Provided assistance on the environmental impact assessment of Disneyland expansion.

## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

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American Bar Association

Washington State Bar Association

California Bar Association

American Planning Association

Editor, "Planning & Law," Newsletter of the Planning and Law Division of the American Planning Association, 2001-2004

Association for Canadian Studies in the United States

City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board, 2003 – Present

## PRACTICES

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Environment & Land Use

## EDUCATION

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Harvard Law School, J.D., 1984, *cum laude*

University of Edinburgh, M.Phil., 1981, Urban Design and Regional Planning, Marshall Scholar

St. Lawrence University, B.A., 1979, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, National Merit Scholar

## ADMISSIONS

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California

Washington