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Practice Areas

Environmental/Toxics Litigation | Food & Agriculture | Regulatory Law & Business Permitting

For over 30 years, Stan Van Vleck has successfully resolved clients' disputes with government agencies in California.

Stan represents clients on a broad array of governmental problems encompassing basic permitting to the most complex issues. Stan's extensive experience working for high level officials such as a US Senator, the Governor of California, and a California Legislator give him a thorough understanding of California's complex politics and political processes, including administrative proceedings. This enables him to represent clients on legal issues involving almost any agency or government organization. Stan advocates on behalf of his clients on a daily basis to protect their rights, secure and protect permits or licenses, or assist clients on government procurement matters. Stan is unique in his capacity to move an issue to the top of an agency, involve the Governor's office or Legislature to resolve a legal issue when it is in the best interest for clients.

Stan's clients appreciate his efficient and tenacious approach to achieve their desired results. He was recently recognized by the world's largest engineering company, Siemens, as their top advocate in the United States and by the regional Chamber of Commerce as its Volunteer of the Year for the key business wins he was able to help deliver for the region.

Experience

- Represented an large international company resolve a signifiant air quality permitting problem in 10 days when the company was told that it would at least take 6 months.
- Represented Mayor Kevin Johnson on legal aspects to successfully keep the Kings in Sacramento in 2013.
- Represented one of the largest grocery chains in the US to successfully solve a trade barrier with the state of California by helping to create a more efficient and less expensive legal approval process for internationally exporting goods.
- Represented one of world's largest medical imaging companies to successfully negotiate with California's health agency officials and legal counsel to develop lawful ways protect trade secrets worth billions of dollars.

- Represented a Fortune 500 consumer retailer against the California Attorney General's office where client's exposure exceeded $100 million and successfully negotiated the case in a manner met client's goals and significantly reduced the exposure to class action and B&P Code Section 17200 lawsuits.
- Successfully represented a large telecommunications company with s bid protest on the billion dollar CalNET contract, which included a course of working with the Legislature and Governor's office.
- Represented agricultural chemical manufactures to successfully negotiate penalties for alleged pesticide mil tax violations.
- Represented a large landowner to successfully appeal an alleged significant Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) violation.
- Represented a large landowner to successfully appeal violations of waste laws by alleged by Cal Recycle and local agencies.

Professional & Community Service

- Stan is a graduate of the Agricultural Leadership Fellowship, where he engaged with top U.S. leaders as well as those in foreign countries such as China, Uzbekistan, and Iran. He is also a graduate of the American Leadership Forum.
- Stan serves on the Board of the California Chamber of Commerce with some of the top executives in California helping to advocate on behalf of California businesses.
- Stan is the Vice Chair of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Board and is responsible for policy for the region. Stan also served as the Chair for the Coalition of business and union interests to build an arena in Sacramento.
- Stan serves on the Board for the Sacramento Downtown Partnership with owner of downtown real estate as well as some of the regions top elected officials. The Partnership represents the interests of the downtown for redevelopment and other similar issues.
- Stan serves on the Board for the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's College of Agriculture. He also served on the California Cattlemen's Board for 14 years and Chaired its Land Use and Taxation Committee for 10 years as well as Vice Chair of the California State University System's Alumni Association.
- California Lawyers Association, Environmental Law Section

Education

- J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1991
- B.S., Outstanding Graduate - College of Agriculture, California Polytechnic State University, SLO, 1988

Honors & Rankings

- Van Vleck has received important awards for his efforts, including being recognized Siemens USA as their "Top Lobbyist" in the U.S. His fellow business leaders in the regional Chamber of Commerce named him the "Volunteer Of The Year" for work that he has done for the Northern California region.

- *Sacramento Magazine*, Sacramento 300 Honoree – the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Metro Sacramento, 2020
- *Sacramento Magazine*, Top Lawyer, Legislative & Governmental Affairs, State, Local & Municipal Law, Government Contracts, Food & Agriculture Law, 2015-2021, 2023
- *Sacramento Business Journal*, Best of the Bar, 2016-2019
- *Super Lawyers*, Northern California Super Lawyer, Government Relations, 2018-2021, 2023
- Van Vleck earned his B.S. from Cal Poly, SLO where he earned the award of "Outstanding Graduate" from the College of Agriculture.

Speaking Engagements / Events

- *Where Are They Now? Conversations With Past Generations Keynotes*, Capitol Region Family Business Center, May 20, 2021
- *Adaptive Planning: Frank Discussions for Tumultuous Times*, Co-presenter, Generations Family Business Conference, February 12, 2019
- *Reinvention, Transition, Success(ion)*, Co-presenter, Capitol Regional Family Business Center's Spring Family Business Forum, April 17, 2018
- *Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo*, How to be a successful Leader, January 2015
- *Sacramento Metro Chamber*, Food and Agriculture Event, January 2015
- *Metro Chamber Edge, 2013: How to be Successful*, spoke to 400 young professionals on how to become successful, February 2013
- *Sacramento Metro Chamber Board Retreat, 2011: How to Succeed Working with Government*, 2011
- *Davis Law School, Discussion on land use and the laws that govern them*, 2005

Publications

- *Opportunity to Shape New Rules for Solar Development on Protected Ag Lands*, California Farmer, August 13, 2012

Legal Alerts

- *Farm Lenders and Farming Organizations File Amicus Brief in Crucial Ninth Circuit Water Case*, May 23, 2014