



**Tom Hallinan**  
Partner

Tom Hallinan brings extensive, and a career's worth, of municipal knowledge to the Churchwell White team. Tom currently represents the communities of Empire, Grayson, Oakdale, Riverbank, Ceres and Patterson as City Attorney and Special District General Counsel. As such, he is experienced in providing legal advice on the Brown Act, Political Reform Act, Public Records Act, contracts and procurement, and all phases of real property development including public finance. He also prosecutes all municipal code violations.

A 20-year member of the Central Valley City Attorney's Association, Tom is also active in the League of California Cities' City Attorney Department, where he has served as the Department's representative to the Annual Conference Planning Committee and on the Transportation, Communication and Public Works Committee. He was recently appointed as the Central Valley representative to the League's Legal Advocacy Committee.

Tom is an elected member of the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees, where he is currently serving his fifth four-year term. He also serves on

the Stanislaus-Ceres Oversight Board of the former Redevelopment Agency, and the Stanislaus County Assessment Appeals Board. Hallinan has served as a Governor's appointee to the 38th District Agricultural Association, and on numerous local non-profit boards and commissions. In 2015, Tom was appointed to the California Law Revision Commission by Governor Brown. He was also recently appointed as a member of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee of the California Gambling Control Commission.

Prior to joining Churchwell White LLP, Tom worked in the California Legislature, and for the State of California, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Having served for two decades as both an elected official; and federal, state, county and city appointee, Tom is knowledgeable of and works well with all government agencies.

**If not a lawyer...** I would be the 5th generation to raise cattle on the family ranch in Coulterville, Mariposa County, California.



## Projects

- As City Attorney, represents the cities of Oakdale, Riverbank, and Patterson in all municipal and legal matters
- Represented the City of Oakdale in preparing and evaluating general and specific plan updates for development projects
- Advises cities on Prop 218 matters and negotiates related franchise agreements
- Represented the City of Patterson in land use and City code matters in order to expedite economic development projects, such as the Restoration Hardware distribution center

## Credentials

- J.D., Lincoln Law School of Sacramento
- B.A., Philosophy, minor in General Business, California State University, Fresno
- Prosecutor/Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California
- Staff Member California State Legislature
- Law Clerk Judicial Council of California
- State of California, Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Member, Central Valley City Attorney's Association
- Central Valley representative, League of California Cities' Legal Advocacy Committee
- Elected member, Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees
- Board Member, Stanislaus-Ceres Oversight Board of the former Redevelopment Agency
- Board Member, Stanislaus County Assessment Appeals Board
- Governor's appointee, 38th District Agricultural Association
- Governor's appointee, California Law Revision Commission
- Member, Gaming Policy Advisory Committee of the California Gambling Control Commission



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