

Blair Gue

SENIOR COUNSEL

Blair's mix of skills and experience make her an invaluable resource to those operating in California's complex regulatory regime.



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Practices

- Administrative Law
- Enforcement & Discipline
- Land Use & Zoning
- Permitting And Licensing
- Regulatory Compliance

Blair joined the Rogoway team in 2014, when the firm's primary focus was criminal defense, representing dozens of criminal clients charged with cannabis crimes in jurisdictions all over Northern California.

Having witnessed the dramatic shift in the cannabis industry over the last few years, Blair's practice area now focuses on cannabis compliance and helping clients operate within the confines of California's regulated cannabis market. As the leader of the firm's Compliance Team, Blair's practice involves advising clients on MAUCRSA, the California Health and Safety Code, and the commercial cannabis regulations promulgated by the various state agencies responsible for issuing commercial cannabis licenses.

In addition to overseeing the attorneys on the Compliance Team, Blair assists clients with the preparation of local permit and state license applications, interfaces with government officials, and represents clients in code enforcement and regulatory enforcement matters if and when they arise.

Bar Admissions

- California
- Illinois

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (J.D., cum laude, 2013)
- Loyola Marymount University (B.A.Com., cum laude, 2009)

Awards & Recognition

- North Bay Business Journal's Forty Under 40 'Ones to Watch' (2019)
- Finalist, "Emerging Leader in the Cannabis Industry" award at the Cannabis Dealmakers Summit (2019)

RECENT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Won cannabis dispensary appeal in San Francisco after community members appealed the dispensary's building permits.
- Won a cannabis dispensary appeal in the City of Santa Rosa allowing a client to move forward in CUP selection process. Later presented CUP application and obtained CUP for client to operate.
- Lead the compliance due diligence on multi-million dollar sale of a dispensary to a major cannabis conglomerate.
- Wrote cannabis dispensary clearance application for Napa dispensary that obtained one of the limited clearances issued.
- Created and submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application for the first approved cannabis cultivation facility in the City of Rio Vista.
- Wrote local permit application for testing laboratory the received its permit to operate in the City of Santa Rosa.
- Assisted with the transfer of a cannabis dispensary permit from one entity to another in the City of Long Beach.
- Successfully appealed City of Santa Rosa Cannabis Subcommittee's decision against client and earned client the right to move forward in the City's competitive cannabis retail permitting process.
- Significant experience in assisting collectives and cooperatives with the transition from operation under the Health and Safety Code to operation under local and upcoming state regulations.
- Represented a single client in multiple sale and joint venture transactions ranging from \$10 million dollars to \$60 million dollars.
- Created and submitted dozens of use permit, zoning clearance, and other permit applications for cannabis businesses throughout California.
- Completed cannabis compliance work for multi-million dollar dispensary acquisition project in Northern California.