

Practices

# Government Agency Litigation

Government agencies operate under distinct constraints—from procedural mandates, sunshine obligations for meetings, and unique procurement procedures and laws to public document and public records/freedom of information requirements, and limitations on authority. With so many mandates—and so much at stake for vendors and constituents—disputes are certain to arise.

Akerman has handled hundreds of cases challenging or defending local, state, and federal governmental actions across a broad range of issues, including election challenges, procurement disputes, first amendment issues, Section 1983 litigation, leasehold, eminent domain, market regulation, environmental and land use, and water issues. Our work spans numerous sectors, including automotive, hospitality, food and beverage, government, banking, insurance, healthcare, gambling, and pharmaceutical. Our national practice also includes bond work on behalf of governmental agencies, as well as public/private financing arrangements.

With a strong lobbying practice, we advocate on behalf of private clients. Working in tandem with our government affairs professionals, we obtain legislative solutions to our clients' legal problems while pursuing existing remedies to save time and money.

## What We Do

- Draft constitutionally sufficient charters and codes

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## Connect With Us



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## Our Team

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## Related Work

Government Affairs  
and Public Policy  
Government Contracts  
Litigation

- Defend election challenges
- Prosecute and defend procurement awards and restrictive specifications
- Draft contracts, development agreements, code and charter changes, and interlocal agreements
- Enforce contract rights on behalf of, and against, government bodies and agencies, including contractor delays and liquidated damage recovery litigation on behalf of government agencies
- Draft redevelopment and economic development agreements and resolve related disputes
- Challenge sales, use, fees (including franchise and stormwater), and property tax assessments
- Defend and challenge administrative regulations
- Pursue refunds of overpayments, over-valued, and various categories of unlawful taxes
- Challenge and defend regulations, ordinances, and statutes
- Handle federal and administrative proceedings regarding the constitutionality of government actions
- Handle agency proceedings regarding enforcement of administrative sales on statutes, licensing of businesses and professions, and permitting of business activities, including environmental approvals or challenges
- Defend actions against municipalities, executive officers and elected officials, as well as Section 1983 actions against police officers