Cities & Towns

We also help municipalities achieve innovative, new initiatives. For example, our lawyers have helped draft special legislation making everything from remote town meetings, to sustainability initiatives such as banning single-use plastic water bottles a reality.

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Town Counsel

A&K attorneys serve as Town Counsel to several Massachusetts towns, currently including Acton, Bedford, Belmont, Concord, Dover, Ipswich, Lexington and Winchester, and have done so for decades. As Town Counsel, we help municipalities handle all legal matters that arise in the course of daily business. We counsel town boards and leadership in highly visible matters, handle opposition presented by local citizens groups and mediate matters. Should litigation be unavoidable, we provide practical advice and defend their positions fully. We are highly effective public law attorneys helping clients with complex matters with multiple stakeholders, handling the full range of legal work for our towns.

Special Town Counsel

As Special Town Counsel, we are selected for our specialized expertise, exemplary reputation and sophisticated ability to devise solid legal solutions. Our lawyers manage discrete matters that require the targeted skills and first-hand knowledge we accumulated over four decades of working in public law. Our lawyers defend towns in a full range of litigation and also conduct important business and transactional matters in real estate, environmental, solar and other alternative energy projects and affordable housing, among others. We are often asked to provide strategic advice on water permitting and management, hazardous waste and other contamination issues, as well as emerging PFAS litigation.

Our Work

Ultimately, cities and towns rely on our careful guidance to proactively avoid future problems. Recently, the firm performed a town-wide review of police procedures with the distinct goal of eliminating racial bias in current practices. Also, as subject matter experts, we are asked to handle novel issues affecting cities and towns. For instance, we advised many towns on their bylaws to regulate recreational marijuana, following the passage of a state ballot initiative allowing it for the first time. We also helped several towns to develop solar power systems on municipal and school properties, significantly reducing energy costs.

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