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Eugene P. Ramirez is a Founding Partner in the Los Angeles office of Manning Kass. He is the leader of the Constitutional Policing, Governmental Entity Liability, Military and Veterans Law, and School Civil Liability teams.

Mr. Ramirez is a frequently quoted national expert in police use of Body Worn Cameras. He serves as general counsel for both the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) and United States Police Canine Association and is a former legal section chair for the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA).

Mr. Ramirez is frequently invited to speak to law enforcement agencies across the United States on the use of force, handling high-profile cases, and risk management issues.

The *Daily Journal* chose his defense case as a Top Verdict in 2022. In 2019, he was named a "Top Litigator and Trial Attorney" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. He was selected as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1993 and 2006, by two different Sheriffs. He was selected as the 2009 Alumni Attorney of the Year for Whittier School of Law. He was also selected in 2011 as one of the Top 25 Municipal Attorneys in California by the Daily Journal, California's largest legal news provider, who stated, "When local law enforcement agencies get in trouble, they call Ramirez."

Mr. Ramirez has been profiled in the *California Lawyer Magazine* for his law enforcement defense work, and has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS). He has also been named as a 2005–2011 and 2014–2017 Super Lawyer for Southern California. This award only goes to the top 5% of attorneys in the Los Angeles/Orange County Bar. He was also named to the distinguished American Board of Trial

Advocates (ABOTA), an award only bestowed upon proven trial attorneys.

Mr. Ramirez is experienced in defending SWAT teams in civil liability cases. He is an instructor on liability issues for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Basic SWAT School, and also for the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) and the National Tactical Officers' Association (NTOA). He was a member of the State Attorney General's Blue Ribbon SWAT Committee, and POST's Executive Advisory Committee for SWAT Teams. He is a former member of the LAPD Board of Inquiry (which examined LAPD SWAT operations) and an approved California POST instructor.

He serves as an advisor to several public entities on the issues of use of force, canine and SWAT issues and policies and procedures. Mr. Ramirez acquired significant expertise on civil liability arising out of the use of police dogs in law enforcement by winning several cases, and has lectured on the subject to police departments nationwide. He has provided training to thousands of canine officers and supervisors, from around the country and Canada, for more than 20 years. He has authored several articles for the USPCA's *Canine Courier*.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Ramirez worked as a deputy district attorney for the L.A. County District Attorney's Office, where he conducted numerous misdemeanor and felony jury trials, including murder trials. He has also worked as a reserve police officer for the Whittier police department and the Monterey Park police department.

He graduated from Whittier College School of Law, where he was notes & comments editor of the *Law Review*, a member of the Moot Court Honors Board, and president of the Student Bar Association. At Whittier, he received an award as the Best Oral Advocate and the Outstanding Moot Court Graduate Award. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from California State University, Long Beach, where he minored in Criminal Justice & Public Policy.

## Practice Areas

- Constitutional Policing
- Governmental Entity Liability
- Military and Veterans Law
- School Civil Liability

## Education

- Whittier College School of Law, *Juris Doctor*
  - Notes & Comments Editor, *the Law Review*
  - Member, Moot Court Honors Board
  - President, Student Bar Association.
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- California State University, Long Beach, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minors in Criminal Justice and Public Policy