



***FMG's Government Law Section represents governmental entities, including cities, counties, sheriffs, school districts, housing authorities, hospitals, water authorities and development authorities in virtually every aspect of government liability. Whether it is defending a county in an excessive force claim, a city in a zoning dispute or a school district in a teacher/student matter, our attorneys are well-positioned to represent any governmental entity in legal disputes.***

### Local Government Representation

FMG's local government practice team has served as general counsel and special litigation counsel for an array of local governments and their officials. Our experience ranges from serving as the primary attorney, such as city or county attorney, to serving as litigation counsel in all types of state and federal court cases.

### Personnel and Constitutional Law

FMG has one of the region's largest public sector employment practices. Our attorneys routinely handle matters ranging from personnel board, fair dismissal and civil service hearings to federal court litigation involving constitutional claims for violation of federal discrimination laws, deprivation of due process, denial of equal protection and violation of freedom of speech.

### Civil Rights and Liability Defense

FMG lawyers are nationally recognized for their successful defense of governmental entities and officials. We have handled cases involving virtually every aspect of governmental liability and public safety, including land use, zoning, jail conditions, search and seizure, high speed pursuits, sign ordinances and First Amendment claims. We have represented clients in a number of significant decisions, including the landmark decision of *Scott v. Harris* in the Supreme Court of the United States.

### Education Law

FMG's education law practice team has represented a number of the region's largest universities, private schools and local school districts in claims involving fair dismissal, special education, student discipline, privacy challenges, tenure denials and security issues. In handling these matters, particularly claims involving student abuse, our lawyers are sensitive to the public relations implications of such disputes and work carefully with the client to minimize negative media exposure.

### Governmental Relations and Strategic Advice

FMG's government team has experience handling matters ranging from billion dollar rate cases to the deregulation of local telephone and natural gas service. The FMG government team represents both private companies and local governments in their relationships with state and federal authorities. The group also assists clients in strategic planning and regulatory compliance, with a particular focus on energy, telecommunications, technology, and transportation issues.

*"Our county government relies upon FMG for their unique expertise in every facet of government law. We have joined the many other local governments that count on FMG's attorneys for their unequaled depth and knowledge in representing public entities."*

*Kenneth R. Bernard  
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Douglas County Board  
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