City Councilmember John Rea violates California Fair Political Practices Commission laws

John Rea has been a City Councilmember since 2007, with the exception of a few months in 2015 when he chose not to run for re-eelection but then re-applied to take George Bird's seat when Bird resigned to take a Judgeship. See http://www.pvestates.org/government/city-council/councilmember-john-rea



John Rea is also a partner at the law firm of **Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP.** Here is his profile page:

http://lewisbrisbois.com/attorneys/rea-jr.-william-john



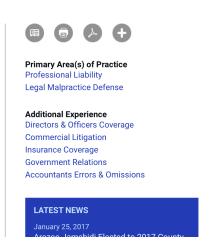


William John Rea, Jr. is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Professional Liability Practice. He has more than 36 years of experience in the areas of professional liability defense, directors and officers litigation, commercial and property/casualty litigation, insurance law (coverage and bad faith defense), including jury trial and appellate practice.

His professional liability practice focuses on defense of attorneys in legal malpractice and malicious prosecution litigation, and defense of errors and omissions claims against accountants, architects, engineers, insurance agents and other professionals. He also defends attorneys and accountants in securities fraud litigation.

Directors and officers practice includes defense of shareholders' derivative litigation.

Litigation experience also includes defending property/casualty cases ranging from landlordtenant disputes, to civil rights litigation to brain injury claims. Insurance law practice includes coverage opinions and coverage litigation, and first- and third-party bad faith defense.



Rea's firm has been the attorney of record for co-defendant Palos Verdes Homes Association in the CEPC case (Citizens for Enforcement of Parkland Covenants vs The City of Palos Verdes Estates, the Palos Verdes Homes Association, and Robert Lugliani), and has been since the outset of the case in 2013. Here is the Appellant Opening Brief filed November 9, 2016 clearly showing that it was prepared by Mr. Rea's firm:

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In the Court of Appeal Of the State of California

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT DIVISION TWO

CITIZENS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PARKLAND COVENANTS, et al.,

Plaintiffs and Respondents,

V.

CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, et al.,

Defendants and Appellants.

APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF

Appeal from the Superior Court of the State of California, For the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS142768 Honorable Barbara A. Meiers, Judge

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In addition, here is one of the briefs filed in 2015 to show that **Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith** has been the law firm engaged since the outset of the case:

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	HARDISON,	Hon. Barbara A. M.	
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	VS.		
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I, Brant H. Dveirin, declare and state as follows:
 I am an attorney and partner with the law firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
 LLP, counsel of record for Defendant Palos Verdes Homes Association.

The matter of appeal was discussed in closed session on November 10, 2015. City Attorney Christi Hogin stated that the City Council met in closed session and voted unanimously to

appeal, showing Mr. Rea did not disclose his conflict or recuse himself. Here is the City Attorney's statement that night:

"Tonight's Regular Meeting convened at 6 o'clock at which time we recessed to a closed session pursuant to Government Codes Section 549569B1. The Council discussed Citizens for Enforcement of Parkland Covenants versus the City of Palos Verdes Estates et al., and having tried unsuccessfully to resolve that matter out of court and in light of the appeals that have already been filed by the4 Homes Association and by the real parties in interest the Lugianis in that matter, the City Council unanimously voted to appeal the judgment in that case. We know that the community is gonna want to know the basis for the City's decision and the City is going to be updating the website and providing an explanation in the near future on the website. And that concludes my report."

For the video of City Attorney Christi Hogin's statement; click here: https://www.pvrrg.org/s/PVE-City-Council-2015-11-10-Announcment-Decision-to-Appeal.mov.

For an explanation of why this is a clear violation of the Fair Political Practices Commission of California, see: http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/conflicts-of-interest-rules.html

This is a very serious offense, and disqualifies John Rea as a current City Councilmember and as a suitable candidate for Treasurer due to this clear ethics violation.