



## Shahiedah Palmer

ASSOCIATE

Shahiedah's practice in local land use and cannabis regulatory compliance draws from her extensive experience in municipal law.



### Industries

Cannabis  
Real Estate

### Education

Woodbury University MBA, 2013  
Harvard Law School JD, 2008  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University BS,  
2005

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Shahiedah assists property owners, developers, institutions, and investors with local land use and environmental compliance. In addition, Shahiedah advises businesses in the California cannabis industry on compliance with state and local laws and regulations.

### Previous Work

Shahiedah brings over 10 years of experience to her practice at Arent Fox. Before joining Arent Fox, Shahiedah worked at the Los Angeles County Counsel's Office for four years, where she helped to develop local cannabis policy, monitored developments in cannabis law and policy within federal, state and local government agencies, and prosecuted unlicensed dispensaries. She also served as in-house counsel to the County Auditor-Controller and the Treasurer and Tax Collector, and successfully defended the County against multiple lawsuits. Between stints at the County Counsel, Shahiedah worked as a deputy city attorney to several cities, where she primarily focused on land use, the California Environmental Quality Act, and writ litigation. In addition to extensive experience in land use and cannabis law, Shahiedah has advised clients in the areas of real estate, business transactions and nonprofit law, and trademark law.

### Professional Activities

Shahiedah is dedicated to improving access to legal and government resources, especially in low-income and minority communities. She is an active member and former committee chair of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Inc., the National Cannabis Bar Association, and the Langston Bar Association. She is also a former Commissioner of the Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority.

## **Publications, Presentations & Recognitions**

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Shahiedah is a trusted commentator on various matters and has written for the League of California Cities and presented to the Public Works Institute.

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### **Bar Admissions**

California

Illinois

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### **Court Admissions**

US District Court, Central District of California