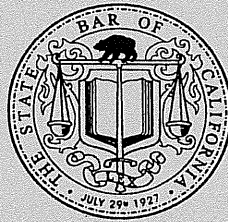




PUBLIC LAW SECTION
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

Public Lawyer of the Year Reception



honoring
Ariel Pierre Calonne
City Attorney of Palo Alto

Friday, September 5, 2003
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Green Room, Anaheim Hilton

The Public Lawyer of the Year Award is given annually by the Public Law Section of The State Bar of California at a special reception at the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Nominated by peers, the recipient is a public law practitioner who deserves special recognition because of outstanding service.

**ARIEL PIERRE CALONNE, LEADER AMONG CALIFORNIA CITY ATTORNEYS,
AWARDED PUBLIC LAWYER OF THE YEAR BY STATE BAR**

San Francisco, July 17, 2003 – Ariel Pierre Calonne, City Attorney of Palo Alto, has been named 2003 Public Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar of California.

As Palo Alto's City Attorney over the past 13 years, Mr. Calonne has served a full-service chartered city of 60,000, supervised its attorney office, and advised its Mayor and City Council. He is general counsel to the city's gas, electric, dark fiber, storm drainage, sewage treatment, and water utilities. He represented Palo Alto in major development negotiations with Stanford University, and advised the city on the development of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. Calonne personally litigated major public records, environmental and land use cases. He filed a friend-of-the-court brief in *Roberts v. City of Palmdale* (1993) 5 Cal. 4th 363, the California Supreme Court's landmark case upholding attorney-client privilege in the public sector. On September 7, 2003, Calonne will take his 20-year public law experience to become City Attorney of Boulder, Colorado.

Prior to his current position, Calonne was an associate attorney with Richards Watson & Gershon, where he represented many municipalities on various legal affairs, including CEQA, land use, zoning, environmental, water rights, strategic planning and other matters. Calonne was also an associate with Best Best & Kreiger, where he focused on municipalities' water rights and environmental issues. In addition to Palo Alto, Calonne has represented the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Palmdale, Westlake Village, Ventura, Corona, Redlands, Banning, Desert Hot Springs and Perris.