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Kathleen Bales-Lange is the County Counsel of the County of Tulare. Appointed as County Counsel in 1996, Ms. Bales-Lange has been with the office since 1981, rising through the ranks in serving first as a deputy, then as chief deputy, prior to her appointment. Ms. Bales-Lange graduated from Hastings College of the Law in 1980.

Ms. Bales-Lange and her staff of twenty lawyers provide legal advice and representation to the Board of Supervisors, all County departments, fifty school districts, memorial and cemetery districts and the Superior Court by contract. Most litigation is handled in-house. The legal issues facing Tulare County include all aspects of government law, and often include issues which arise due to Tulare County's status as one of the top agricultural producers in the nation.

Ms. Bales-Lange has been recognized twice by the County Counsel's Association of California for outstanding service, in 1993 and 1996. She serves on the Electronic Communications Committee, and the Labor Relations Subcommittee for the California State Association of Counties. Ms. Bales-Lange is the co-author and editor of the chapter on Employment Law for the *County Counsel's Benchbook [1991 through 1996 editions]*. She has made numerous presentations to both legal and lay audiences, most often on subjects related to public employment law.

Ms. Bales-Lange is married and has three children.