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Michael represents public agencies in matters involving real estate, transportation, and environmental law. Michael currently serves as general counsel to the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Railroad Authority, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority. He serves as the Assistant City Attorney of a Bay Area municipality, where he is responsible for zoning, environmental compliance, and telecommunications regulations.

Michael negotiated some of the first agreements that public transit agencies entered into with ridesharing firms to provide service to public transit patrons. He is also assisting a client with implementing an autonomous vehicle project serving a local transit station and environs. Michael has counseled public agencies with regard to transit-oriented development projects and has negotiated long-term ground leases and other types of public-private partnerships. He has also negotiated numerous contracts for the use of public property by telecommunications companies.

He has played an active role in several acquisitions of railroad rights-of-way on behalf of public transportation agencies, including the purchase of the commuter rail line from San Francisco to San Jose on behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. He was the lead attorney for the acquisition of property for the extension of the S.F. Bay Area Rapid Transit system to the San Francisco International Airport.

Mr. Conneran attended Princeton University, receiving his A.B. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1976. He also attended Hastings College of the Law, where he served as Note Editor of the Hastings Law Journal, receiving his J.D. in 1988.