

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Jerry Desmond has served as PMI's California government relations consultant since 2006. He engages with the legislative and executive branches of state government, advocating PMI's positions and interests on legislation and regulations.

He is a legislative advocate and lawyer with his firm Desmond & Desmond LLC. The firm represents the interests of trade associations, businesses and public entities throughout California. Jerry's in-depth knowledge of his clients' interests, his legal and advocacy skills with respect to laws and legislation pertaining to his clients' issues, his strategic advice, and professional manner have earned him the respect and relationships that bring success in the Capitol.

Jerry provides comprehensive governmental advocacy services, including analysis of legislation and regulations as well as the development of legislative and public policy solutions to best serve clients' interests. He represents his clients in hearings and meetings with the governor's office, the legislature and their staff, state agencies, boards, commissions, and legislative bodies.

In addition to lobbying, Jerry has significant expertise in political and nonprofit law. He has addressed numerous professional associations and public entities on California politics, laws and legislation.

Jerry joined the firm in 1982 upon earning his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He became a legislative advocate in 1985. He is a member of the State Bar of California and the Institute of Governmental Advocates.