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Overview

Josh Walden is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's San Diego Office. Mr. Walden primarily represents education clients in a variety of special education, student, labor and employment, and governance matters.

Experience

Mr. Walden regularly represents local educational agencies in all aspects of administrative due process proceedings, including resolution sessions, mediations, and due process hearings, and federal appellate proceedings. He also represents local educational agencies in IEP and 504 meetings. Mr. Walden prepares pleadings regarding a variety of complex substantive and procedural due process matters. Mr. Walden also assists local educational agencies with a variety of labor and employment matters, including labor disputes, employee discipline and investigations, discrimination complaints, and other personnel matters.

In addition to his work as an attorney, Mr. Walden has served in a variety of related roles, including as an instructional aide in a general education and special education classroom at a K-8 school through City Year Sacramento, and as a law clerk for the San Diego Unified School District's Office of the General Counsel.

Presenter Experience

Mr. Walden frequently presents on numerous special education and student matters, including legally appropriate assessment reports, legally defensible IEPs, and legal obligations in serving transgender students.

Court Admissions

Mr. Walden is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Education

Mr. Walden received his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a double minor in Spanish and Professional Writing. While in law school, Mr. Walden served as the Comments Editor for the San Diego International Law Journal and the Treasurer and Secretary for the University of San Diego School of Law's Advocates for Children and Education.