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Overview

Joshua Whiteside is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's San Luis Obispo Office. Mr. Whiteside provides support for school district and county office clients on Student and Labor and Employment issues, focusing on helping administrators keep schools safe from school violence and bullying, remain neutral with respect to politics and religion, and prioritize inclusivity and equity.

Experience

Mr. Whiteside has presented on a variety of topics at the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Personnel Academy, and before the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (CASCWA), California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) and the Small School Districts' Association (SSDA). Mr. Whiteside is also a frequent presenter on the Lozano Smith podcast.

Mr. Whiteside's article on student social media speech was the cover story for the SSDA Today in Spring/Summer 2018. Mr. Whiteside also wrote a paper on "Religious Speech in Public Schools" for the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys, providing guidance nationally on the intersection of free speech, religion, and LGBTQ+ student rights.

Prior to joining Lozano Smith, Mr. Whiteside was a legal aid attorney, where he counseled and represented low-income and homeless clients in civil disputes involving landlord-tenant, consumer debt, domestic violence, immigration, public benefits, special education, and workplace discrimination matters. During law school, he interned for a prominent immigration firm in Orange County, assisting with family and employment-based immigration applications and visas.

Education

Mr. Whiteside earned his J.D. degree from Chapman University School of Law. He received a B.A. in History from the University of California, San Diego.