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Overview

Harold M. Freiman is a Partner in Lozano Smith's Walnut Creek office. He represents school districts, county offices of education, and community college districts in such areas as school facilities, property, general education law, governing boards, student issues, business, and general litigation. He is a recognized leader on such topics as developer fees, school district reorganization, surplus property, the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. Additionally, he provides advice and litigation services related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to cities, special districts and educational agencies.

Experience

He has been with the firm and representing public entities for over 30 years. Mr. Freiman has appeared before the California Supreme Court on behalf of the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Education Legal Alliance, and has been named a Northern California "Super Lawyer." He also received the 2014 California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) Associate Member of the Year Award for his exemplary service to schools and to CASBO for many years. Mr. Freiman previously served as a Briefing Attorney for the Texas Supreme Court.

Presentations and Associations

Mr. Freiman is a frequent presenter and trainer for CASBO, is a member and former Chair of CASBO's statewide Associate Member Committee, and served on the CASBO Board of Directors for 2015-2016. He has also served on the Legal Advisory Panel for the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH). Additionally, he is a member of CSBA's Council of School Attorneys as well as the National School Boards Association's Council of School Attorneys. Mr. Freiman, who has received numerous awards for public speaking, has been a speaker for these and numerous other state and local organizations. Mr. Freiman also regularly conducts board workshops on topics such as the Brown Act and Board governance.

Articles

In addition to writing several of the firm's Client News Briefs, Mr. Freiman's article, "Upcoming Developer Fee Increase, Being Proactive Can Result in More School Facilities Funds" was published in the *CASBO Journal* in December 2005. Mr. Freiman also co-authored "Water and Sewer Service Impacts and Fees," *Environmental Mitigation Handbook* (California's Coalition for Adequate School Housing, 2009) and Senate Bill 50 and School Facility Fees: A Report Prepared by C.A.S.H.'s Legal Advisory Committee (1999). Mr. Freiman's article, "[In Service to the Client](#)" was published in *California Lawyer Magazine* in September 2013.

Education

Mr. Freiman received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, and holds a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley. He was admitted to the California State Bar in 1990. In college, he was a teaching assistant and reader in the Rhetoric Department, and worked as an instructor in the Contra Costa College for Kids summer program. While at Columbia, he instructed first year law students in Real Property Law and served as an editor for the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Practices

Facilities & Business
Litigation
Student
Municipal
Community Colleges

Construction Advice &
Litigation
Technology & Innovation
Public Finance

Education

J.D., Columbia School of Law
B.A. (high honors), University of California at Berkeley

Admissions

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