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Overview

Jennifer P. Thompson is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's San Luis Obispo office, and serves as general counsel for public agency clients. Her practice includes public agency finance, development, CEQA, LAFCO, the Brown Act, board governance, public utility issues, and code enforcement. She is an experienced government professional with years of experience managing city departments.

Experience

Ms. Thompson frequently assists clients with public agency procurement issues, including request for proposals and all types of contracts. She counsels her clients on all types of development matters including affordable housing issues and development agreements. In addition, she performs investigations on a wide variety of issues. She also supports her clients by advising on board policies, City ordinances, and the California Voting Rights Act.

Ms. Thompson previously served as the Utilities Business Manager for the City of San Luis Obispo. In this position, she was responsible for coordinating and facilitating Utilities department strategic planning activities. Ms. Thompson also supervised the daily operations and employees of the Revenue Division in the City of San Luis Obispo's Finance Department. Ms. Thompson monitored changes in laws, regulations and technology that impacted departmental operations, and she developed changes to policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the law. She has experience with Proposition 218, SB1383 and SB998. Ms. Thompson regularly communicated with the City Council, managers, employees, and organized employee groups. She is experienced in financial planning and analysis, preparing ordinances, and monitoring Utilities financial sections of development agreements.

Education

Ms. Thompson earned her Juris Doctor and Master of Legal Studies degrees from the San Luis Obispo College of Law. She earned a B.S. in Economics from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.