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Overview

Mary F. Lerner is a Partner in Lozano Smith's Fresno and Monterey offices and serves as co-chair of the firm's Municipal Practice Group. Ms. Lerner is also a member of the firm's Facilities and Business, Governance, and Labor and Employment Practice Groups. Ms. Lerner advises clients regarding a wide-range of issues affecting public agencies.

Experience

Ms. Lerner's practice is focused on personnel matters, finances, development, CEQA, LAFCO, the Brown Act, board governance, sustainable groundwater agencies, elections, code enforcement, First Amendment issues, labor negotiations, and public safety. Ms. Lerner is general counsel for public agency clients throughout California. In addition, she assists clients in defense of issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Education

Ms. Lerner obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the San Joaquin College of Law. She graduated from California State University, Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Community Involvement

Ms. Lerner is an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix, where she teaches Business Law (undergraduate and graduate levels) and Ethical Legal Topics (undergraduate level), as well as serving as a mentor to new faculty. She was selected as a recipient of the Phoenix500 Award, recognizing top faculty from across the country who go above and beyond engaging and supporting students and fostering their learning. Ms. Lerner also partners with the Fresno County Bar Association on various civic engagement opportunities, including the Speaker's Bureau, where she works on projects with local high school students.