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### Overview

Amanda J. Cordova is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Los Angeles and San Diego Offices. Ms. Cordova represents public school districts, county offices of education, and special education local plan areas, focusing on various aspects of education law with a concentration on special education and student issues.

### Experience

Ms. Cordova advises clients in all aspects of special education law under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including compliance, investigations with the Office for Civil Rights and California Department of Education, and representation at IEP meetings, resolution sessions, mediations, due process hearings, and federal appellate proceedings. For instance, Ms. Cordova successfully represented a large school district in a due process case and subsequent appeal in federal court and obtained an entirely favorable outcome on behalf of a small school district in response to an Office for Civil Rights complaint related to facility accessibility.

### Education

Ms. Cordova received her Juris Doctor from the University of California, Irvine School of Law (*cum laude*), and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Law & Society, from the University of California, San Diego. While in law school, Ms. Cordova was a Staff Editor and Research Editor for the UC Irvine Law Review. In addition, she was a student leader for the Education Rights Project, a pro bono project where she provided Know-Your-Rights presentations and direct representation in special education matters.

**Practices** Special Education  
Student

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