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Overview

Michael R. Linden is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Fresno office. His practice is focused on assisting local government and school district clients in a wide-variety of legal issues. Mr. Linden serves as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Madera, as well as Deputy City Attorney for the Cities of Clovis and Lemoore. Mr. Linden also serves as general counsel for the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency. In his career, Mr. Linden has represented many other local public entities, both as a Deputy County Counsel in Fresno and Merced counties, and as an attorney in private practice. As litigation counsel, Mr. Linden has extensive trial and appellate experience with a broad range of civil actions, including civil rights, dangerous conditions, torts, contracts, code enforcement, retirement, and taxes. Mr. Linden has experience with advising various local government departments, including law enforcement, corrections, public works, planning, and retirement. Mr. Linden has also advised numerous boards and commissions at open public meetings.

Since 2013, Mr. Linden has served as an Adjunct Professor at the San Joaquin College of Law, teaching courses in public entity liability and land use.

Education

Mr. Linden earned his J.D. degree from the John F. Kennedy University School of Law. He was awarded the American Jurisprudence award in Business Associations. He received his B.A. in History from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo.

Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Publications

- CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL LAW HANDBOOK (Michael R. Linden et al. eds., CEB, forthcoming 2017 edition).
- Police Liability for Tactical Conduct Preceding the Use of Force - The implications of Hayes v. County of San Diego, 37 THE PUB. L.J., no. 1 (Winter 2014)
- Can A Lawful Arrest Be Negligent? 35 THE PUB. L.J., no. 2, at 19 (Spring 2012)