

For Immediate Release**Contact: Andy Garcia**

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Fresno, CA (January 13, 2017) – [Lozano Smith, LLP](#), a leading California education and public agency law firm, is pleased to announce the firm's newest Partners who join 25 other Partners throughout the firm's nine statewide offices:

- [Anne L. Collins](#)
- [William P. Curley III](#)
- [Summer D. Dalessandro](#)
- [Regina A. Garza](#)
- [Marcy L. Gutierrez](#)
- [Manuel F. Martinez](#)
- [Kelly M. Rem](#)

"Each and every one of these attorneys work tirelessly representing our clients," said [Karen Rezendes](#), Managing Partner of Lozano Smith. "They have shown time and again that their experience is invaluable, and we are excited for the future of our clients and firm with these newest Partners leading the way."

Meet the Partners:

Anne L. Collins joined the firm in November of 2010 and is currently the co-chair of the Facilities and Business Practice Group in the firm's Sacramento office. She also practices in the areas of public safety, litigation, charter schools and labor and employment. She is an experienced litigator, managing complex litigation for school districts, special districts with a focus on fire protection districts and other public agency clients.



William P. Curley III joined the firm in January of 2013. He is the Southern California co-chair of the Local Government Practice Group and Water Rights and Regulation specialty practice group, and serves clients throughout Southern California. With 30 years representing public agencies with a focus on cities, city entities (redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, finance authorities, library districts, etc.) and water agencies/special districts, he has built a body of experience that greatly benefits his clients.

Summer D. Dalessandro began her legal career as an Associate with the firm in 2005 and is the Office Managing Partner of Lozano Smith's San Diego office. She is a noted special education attorney, representing K-12 school districts throughout the state in due process hearings, federal court appeals, mediations, IEPs and the manifestation determination review process. In addition to special education matters, her practice encompasses the full spectrum of student-related, charter school, and board governance issues that school districts face.

Regina A. Garza joined Lozano Smith in the Fresno in November of 2007. Ms. Garza provides a wide array of services to the firm's clients, representing both municipalities and school districts. Ms. Garza serves as County Counsel for the County of Madera. In that capacity, she acts as the legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors and represents the County and the County's officers and employees in their official capacities. She also serves as the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Clovis and the City of Fowler.

Marcy Gutierrez joined Lozano Smith in March of 2013 and serves clients from the firm's Sacramento office. Her areas of expertise include special education, student issues, and litigation. Ms. Gutierrez has effectively represented school districts in many venues, including cases successfully litigated at the administrative agency level as well as in the federal courts. In addition to special education, she also advises and represents school districts and other education entities with regard to student discipline, public records requests, and the broad spectrum of anti-discrimination and anti-harassment requirements that apply to public education agencies.

Manuel F. Martinez joined Lozano Smith in January of 2012. His practice focuses on charter schools, student issues, and facilities and business, and works from the firm's Walnut Creek Office. He is well-versed in all areas of civil litigation, trial practice and appellate work. Mr. Martinez is experienced in all aspects of charter schools, including drafting and negotiating MOUs, charter reviews, assisting clients with Prop. 39 facility requests, charter oversight, facility issues, petition review and revocation. He advises clients on cutting-edge technology issues and he is skilled in various aspects of facilities and business law.

Kelly M. Rem joined the firm in February of 2012 and serves clients from Lozano Smith's Walnut Creek office. She specializes in facilities and business law and litigation and has extensive experience advising clients regarding CEQA issues, including procedural requirements, deadlines and statutes of limitation, exemptions, and adequacy of environmental impact reports and other documents. She also has extensive eminent domain experience, and assists school districts with a variety of real property issues including sale and lease transactions, land use and zoning issues, and surplus property requirements.

Get to Know Lozano Smith

Lozano Smith is a full-service education and public agency law firm serving hundreds of California's K-12 and community college districts, and numerous cities, counties, and special districts. The firm's expertise includes, but is not limited to, personnel matters, labor relations, technology, real property and construction matters, constitutional issues, special education, student discipline, school funding, charter schools, bond elections, governance, and litigation in all areas of representation. Lozano Smith has offices in 9 California locations: Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Angeles, Mission Viejo, Monterey, Redding, Sacramento, San Diego and Walnut Creek. For more information about Lozano Smith or to see full attorney bios, visit www.LozanoSmith.com or find us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). You can also download the [Lozano Smith App](#).