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### EDUCATION

J.D., (*cum laude*) Western State University, Fullerton

B.S., (*cum laude*) California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

### PRACTICE AREAS

Local Government  
Facilities and Business  
Technology & Innovation

### BAR ADMISSION

California

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

### OVERVIEW

William P. Curley III is a Partner in Lozano Smith's Los Angeles and Mission Viejo offices. He is the Southern California co-chair of the Local Government practice group and the Water Rights and Regulation specialty practice group chair. With 30 years representing public agencies with a focus on cities, city entities (redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, finance authorities, library districts, etc.) and special districts, he has built a body of experience that greatly benefits his clients. His experience allows for prompt, efficient and cost sensitive service to the Firm's clients. Mr. Curley's expertise is focused in several interrelated practice areas: public agency, governance and ethics (elected officials and senior staff), land-use, elections (CVRA), housing, vector control, water law and new economic development/Redevelopment 2.0 opportunities.

Mr. Curley has assisted a client in becoming the only city in California to adopt cumulative voting, rather than districts, to respond to the California Voting Rights Act. He serves as city attorney, general counsel and special counsel to dozen entities on a statewide basis. His practice includes general counsel and advisory administrative advice, general municipal representation, ethics and official conduct, land use advice, code enforcement, the negotiation and drafting of development agreements for large scale residential, commercial and industrial developments, the review and/or preparation of all types of California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act documents, involvement in all aspects of economic development activity, rates and the implementation of the dynamically changing body of water laws.

### EXPERIENCE

Mr. Curley has served as both in-house and private firm municipal legal counsel. He regularly advises public clients as permanent legal counsel and special counsel. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Curley served as a municipal, in-house city planner. His in-house, public agency background allows him to have a comprehensive understanding of the issues confronting public officials and agencies, including a practical understanding of the objectives of elected officials, staff and their communities and the legal issues involved in public agency decision-making.



He is a regular speaker at public agency associations' annual events. He serves on numerous League of California Cities committees and as President and other leadership positions in the State Bar and county league associations.

## EDUCATION

Mr. Curley received a Bachelor of Science (*cum laude*) from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he majored in geography and anthropology. He earned his Juris Doctor (*cum laude*) degree from Western State University, Fullerton, distinguishing himself by winning several awards and honors.