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## **Lozano Smith Attorneys Recognized with Super Lawyer and Rising Star Selections**

**Sacramento, Calif., (July 7, 2017)** – [Lozano Smith, LLP](#), a leading California education and public agency law firm, announced today that two attorneys from its Sacramento office have been selected by *Super Lawyers Magazine* to the 2017 California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists. Each year, less than five percent of the lawyers in the state receive the Super Lawyers designation, while less than two and a half percent of lawyers receive the Rising Star designation.

**Lozano Smith attorneys selected to the 2017 Super Lawyers List include:**

[Michelle L. Cannon](#), Partner, Northern California Super Lawyers

[Colleen R. Villarreal](#), Senior Counsel, Northern California Rising Stars

[Michelle L. Cannon](#), a respected attorney practicing in Sacramento, works closely with school districts, county offices of education and community colleges in all areas of education law. She has been named by *Super Lawyers Magazine* as one of the top attorneys in California for a fifth consecutive year.

[Colleen R. Villarreal](#) is co-chair of the firm's Special Education Practice Group. She represents public schools and other educational agencies in special education issues and litigation, and assists clients through the complexities of IEP meetings, mediation, manifestation determinations, settlement negotiations, and due process hearings.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The Super Lawyers lists are published nationwide in Super Lawyers Magazines and in leading city and regional magazines and newspapers across the country. For more information about Super Lawyers, visit [SuperLawyers.com](http://SuperLawyers.com).



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