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## **Lozano Smith Welcomes Two Additions to Firm** *Experienced Attorneys Add to Firm's Expertise in Southern California*

**Los Angeles and San Diego, CA** (October 24, 2011) – Lozano Smith is pleased to announce its newest additions to the Los Angeles and San Diego offices, Andrea Epps and Benjamin Nieberg, respectively.

Andrea Epps joined Lozano Smith's Los Angeles office on October 17, 2011 as an Associate. This marks the return of Ms. Epps, as earlier in her career she was in the firm's Walnut Creek office. Ms. Epps has several years of experience in both the legal and educational fields. Before practicing law, she spent several years teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her experience gives her a unique insight into the challenges the firm's education clients face, and the perspective to offer practical solutions.

Benjamin Nieberg also joined the Lozano Smith law firm on October 17, 2011, as a Shareholder. He joins the firm with experience as General Counsel for school districts in Southern California, and representing governmental entities in personnel/labor matters, public contracts, and governance issues. Mr. Nieberg earned his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wesleyan University. He earned a teaching credential in the area of Bilingual Social Studies from the Los Angeles Unified School District Intern Program.

"We are thrilled that Andrea is returning to Lozano Smith, and that Ben has found a new home with us." said Andy Garcia, Executive Director of Lozano Smith. "They each had the experience we sought to continue our growth in Southern California, specifically in special education. Their time spent in the field of education and active involvement in the legal community further strengthen our ability to provide exceptional service to our education clients," said Garcia. "

### **About the Lozano Smith**

Established in 1988, Lozano Smith is a full-service education and public agency law firm serving hundreds of California's K-12 and community college districts, universities, and numerous cities,

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counties, and special districts. The firm's expertise includes personnel matters, labor relations, 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 Fresno, Los Angeles, Monterey, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Redding, San Diego and Walnut Creek. More information is available at [www.lozanosmith.com](http://www.lozanosmith.com).

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