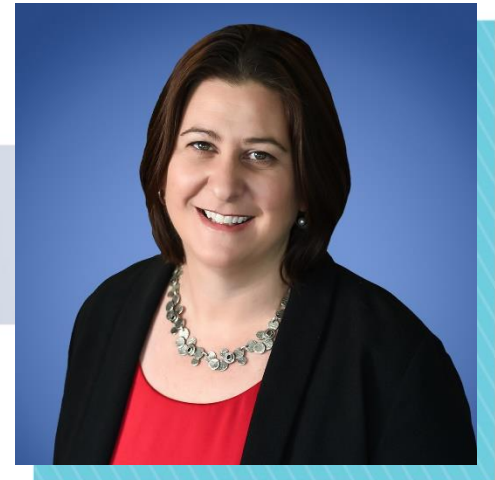


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Overview

Megan Macy is the Managing Partner of Lozano Smith's Sacramento office, where she provides comprehensive general counsel to school districts and other educational agencies throughout California. As an active member of the firm's Labor and Employment, Facilities and Business, and Charter School practice groups, Ms. Macy distinguishes her work with a client-centered approach and an unwavering commitment to serving California's students and communities.

Client-Centered Approach

At the heart of Ms. Macy's practice is an understanding of and dedication to each client's unique needs, always with a focus on the ultimate impact on students and communities. This includes:

- Developing strong, collaborative relationships with school administrators and governing boards to understand organizational culture and goals
- Crafting options to help clients develop solutions that address the unique needs of school communities
- Working alongside school administrators to develop excellent business practices and foster positive labor relations
- Maintaining high accessibility to support timely, informed decision-making
- Advocating in various forums on behalf of schools

Areas of Expertise

Ms. Macy's comprehensive understanding of education and public agency law includes:

- Governance, including Brown Act compliance, effective board governance, conflicts of interest management, and Public Records Act adherence
- Employee/Employer Relations and Employment Law
- Facilities & Business, including procurement, development issues, real property transactions, CEQA, and Audit Appeals
- Charter School Law

Speaking Expertise and Professional Involvement

Ms. Macy is a regular speaker for various educational organizations, including:

- California School Boards Association (CSBA)
- California School Business Officials Association (CASBO)
- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH)
- Council of School Attorneys (CCSA)

Additionally, Ms. Macy serves as a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee for the Coalition for Adequate School Housing, contributing her expertise to shape policy and advocate for improved school facilities across California.

Education

- University of Oregon, J.D. (2003)
 - Specialized training in Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Washington & Lee University, B.A., Public Policy and Religion (2000)
 - Completed the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty
- University of Virginia, Darden School of Business, Partnership for Leaders in Education, Ignite Training (2024)

Ms. Macy's educational background, combining legal expertise with a strong foundation in and continuing study of public policy and educational leadership, enhances her ability to provide holistic, empathetic counsel to school administrators and governing boards.

Significant Cases

- In the precedent setting case, *Anderson Union High School District v. Shasta Secondary Home School* (2016) 4 Cal.App.5th 262, Ms. Macy argued before the Third District Court of Appeal, and was part of the Lozano Smith team that prevailed when the Court confirmed that the geographic and site limitations of the Charter Schools Act (Ed. Code, § 47600 et seq.) are applicable to all charter schools, including “nonclassroom-based” programs.
- In *New Jerusalem Elementary School District v. Academy of Arts & Sciences Charter School*, San Joaquin County Superior Court Case No. STC-cv-UMC-2016-1072, Ms. Macy was part of the Lozano Smith team obtaining a \$1.5 million settlement on behalf of New Jerusalem School District against a charter schools for recovery of funds allocated to two charter schools previously operated by the charter schools, which became dependent charter schools operated by the District. The settlement was reached after Lozano Smith successfully argued that such funds belonged and should follow the students to which the funding was allocated by the State.
- In an audit appeal by Orinda Union School District, the Education Audit Appeals Panel determined the District's auditor erred in applying legal standards during an audit that were not applicable at the time the District's questioned conduct occurred. As a result, the District retained over \$635,000 in State Funding for its academic programs. (*Appeal of 2009-10 Audit Finding 10-07 by Orinda Union School District*, EAAP Case No. 11-13.)
- Successfully negotiating resolution of multi-party construction litigation stemming from contractor termination. (*Air Systems, Inc., v. Campbell Union High School District*.)
- Successfully negotiating resolution of facilities accessibility issues related to existing consent decree. (*Spieler v. Mt. Diablo Unified School District*.)