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## **Construction and Municipal Law Expertise, Expanded Practice: Lozano Smith News**

**Los Angeles, Calif., (October 20, 2014)** – [Lozano Smith, LLP](#), is pleased to announce the additions of Matthew R. Hicks and Mary E. Binning to the firm. These highly-experienced attorneys join a rapidly expanding Los Angeles team serving numerous public agency clients throughout the state. Lozano Smith also announces that William P. Curley III has been named co-chair of the firm's Municipal Law and Local Government Practice Group. Mr. Curley helps lead the firm's [Water Rights and Regulation](#) area of practice.

“This coveted group of attorneys has advised some of the state's largest public agencies, said Andy Garcia, Executive Director of Lozano Smith. “Having attorneys of this caliber helps demonstrate our commitment to providing clients with unparalleled counsel in every area.”

### **Attorney Experience**

[Matthew R. Hicks](#), Senior Counsel in the Los Angeles office, focuses on employment, construction, business and contract disputes on behalf of public agencies. Mr. Hicks has extensive experience with full case management for a variety of federal and state court cases, including trial, arbitrations, mediations and administrative proceedings. He is a noted author and presenter, specifically in the area of construction.

[Mary E. Binning](#), Of Counsel in the Los Angeles office, has served numerous Southern California cities as both deputy city attorney and assistant city attorney. Ms. Binning is responsible for planning and zoning matters, Municipal Code revisions, preparation of ordinances, resolutions, contracts, permits. She provides legal opinions on a wide range of municipal issues, and has worked with various city departments, including human resources, public safety (Police and Fire), parks, recreation and library.



[William \(“Bill”\) P. Curley III](#), Senior Counsel in the Los Angeles office, brings more than 25 years of experience representing public agencies, including serving as city attorney, general counsel and special counsel for many cities and public entities. Mr. Curley specializes in advice to city councils and city staff members regarding land use, water law, code enforcement, the negotiation and drafting of development agreements, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

### About 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 8 California locations: Fresno, Los Angeles, Monterey, Petaluma, Redding, Sacramento, San Diego and Walnut Creek. For more information about Lozano Smith or to see full attorney bios, visit [www.LozanoSmith.com](http://www.LozanoSmith.com) or find us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). You can also download the [Lozano Smith App](#).