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Lozano Smith Attorneys Recognized with Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Selections

Fresno, Calif., (July 12, 2016) – [Lozano Smith, LLP](#), a leading California education and public agency law firm, announced today that five attorneys from its statewide offices have been selected by *Super Lawyers Magazine* as 2016 California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. 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 2016 Super Lawyers List include:

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

[Mark W. Waterman](#), Senior Counsel, Southern California Super Lawyer

[Ashley N. Emerzian](#), Senior Counsel, Rising Star

[Wiley R. Driskill](#), Senior Counsel, Rising Star

[Nicholas W. Smith](#), Associate, Rising Star

“Our firm has always been committed to partnering with public agencies to enhance the quality of education and the communities in which we live,” said Karen Rezendes, Managing Partner of Lozano Smith. “As a firm, we are proud of each of our attorneys and the work they do, and these types of awards are indicative of the passion and dedication that these five attorneys demonstrate each and every day.”

[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 fourth consecutive year. [Mark W. Waterman](#) represents public entities in administrative and court proceedings at both the trial and appellate levels. His litigation practice encompasses employment law, special education law, business law, appellate law, and complex litigation.

[Ashley N. Emerzian](#) represents the firm's public agency clients, with a focus on general counsel, as well as labor and employment matters on behalf of school districts. Additionally, Ms. Emerzian serves the Central Valley through involvement in various non-profits, including as a member of the Board of Directors for the California Young Lawyers Association. [Wiley R. Driskill](#) has more than eight years of litigation experience focused in the areas of civil litigation, business litigation, public agency and entity law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, defending public entities, and defending employment discrimination and FEHA claims. [Nicholas W. Smith](#) specializes in the labor and employment and litigation aspects of public agency law, with experience in civil litigation with an emphasis in governmental defense. He has handled all aspects of civil litigation including client partnership, file management, and overall litigation strategy and trial practice.

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