

## **Lozano Smith Announces New Assistant Managing Partner**

**Fresno, Calif., (July 15, 2013)** – Lozano Smith, LLP, a leading California education and public agency law firm, is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Rezendes to the position of Assistant Managing Partner.

Ms. Rezendes is a Partner assigned to the firm’s Walnut Creek and Sacramento offices. Ms. Rezendes specializes in the areas of employment law, labor negotiations, Brown Act, School Board governance, student issues, special education and general school law. As the Assistant Managing Partner, Ms. Rezendes will help in guiding the strategic direction of the firm, continuing long-term growth, facilitating attorney development and expanding client services.

“As a passionate innovator in the firm and education sector for many years, Karen has embodied leadership, compassion and a keen focus on ensuring success for clients and our firm,” said Gregory Wedner, Managing Partner of Lozano Smith. “Her proven management skills and strong business acumen, coupled with expertise as an attorney, will prove to be invaluable in this new endeavor.”

“My goal in this new role is to collaborate with Lozano Smith leadership to oversee the firm’s direction and guide our team - all in an effort to build on our 25-year foundation and emphasis on unparalleled service to our clients,” said Karen Rezendes. “This opportunity allows me to collectively live out my true passion of partnering with clients to support their public and student service mission while further making a positive impact on our firm, clients and communities throughout the state.”

Ms. Rezendes maintains her role as Partner where a significant portion of her practice is devoted to advising and assisting clients regarding preventive measures to avoid litigation, ensuring excellent business practices, encouraging positive labor relations, and meeting the needs of a diverse student and academic community.



Ms. Rezendes received her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law. In addition to her law firm experience, she has also served as an arbitrator, hearing officer, pro tem Superior Court Judge, and Director of Human Resources and General Legal Counsel for a County Office of Education and a K-12 public school district.

### 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, universities, and numerous cities, counties, and special districts. Established in 1988, the firm prides itself on fostering longstanding relationships with administrators and public officials, while advising and counseling on complex and ever-changing laws. Ultimately, this allows clients to stay focused on what matters most – the success of their district, students and communities they serve. Lozano Smith has offices in Fresno, Los Angeles, Monterey, Redding, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, 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](#).