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Lozano Smith Announces Acquisition of Gutierrez Law Group

Leading education law firm adds coveted attorney group and continues to fortify its statewide special education practice

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Sacramento, Calif., Feb 27, 2013 – Lozano Smith, LLP announces its acquisition of Gutierrez Law Group (GLG), a highly regarded Sacramento-based law firm known for its special education practice and expertise. This acquisition, effective March 1, 2013, complements Lozano Smith's recent strategic expansions, while continuing to introduce recognized leaders and enhanced capabilities to the firm's special education practice group.

"GLG has an incredible pulse on special education in Northern California and passion for serving districts of all sizes," said Gregory Wedner, Managing Partner of Lozano Smith, LLP. "We are confident this opportunity will significantly benefit our clients given the continuous need to add specialists and expand resources in this evolving and complex area of law. GLG embodies our unwavering commitment to provide clients of all capacities unparalleled legal counsel and we look forward to sharing in the success of our clients."

Recognized as a leader in education and public agency law, Lozano Smith is a diverse, full-service firm serving hundreds of K-12 school districts, county offices of education, regional occupational programs and community college districts for the past 25 years. Lozano Smith now has 65 attorneys with offices in Sacramento, Fresno, Walnut Creek, Monterey, Santa Rosa, Los Angeles, San Diego and Redding. In addition to the expanded focus on special education, key practice areas include labor and employment, facilities and business, student services, charter schools, higher education, governance, local government and litigation in all areas of representation.

Gutierrez Law Group was founded in 2008 by Marcy Gutierrez and has since grown to be one of Northern California's premier firms in special education law. GLG assists school districts with all areas of special education and combines legal counsel with efforts to reach out to public education agencies and other stakeholders in the field of education to provide schools with needed support, advocacy and training. GLG strives to empower public schools to create opportunities for student progress.

"This is an exciting time for our attorneys as we join a statewide firm ideally positioned and focused on serving the needs of California's education community, in particular within our niche of special education," said Marcy Gutierrez. "Collectively, our focus is to work closely and collaboratively with educational agencies in their mission to provide better schools, programming and outcomes for students."



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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.



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