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<u>Sloan Simmons</u> and <u>Summer Dalessandro</u>, Shareholder in Lozano Smith's Sacramento Office and Senior Counsel in the Santa Rosa Office, respectively, were published in the Daily Journal for their article, "Bill Expands Statute that Criminalizes Disruptive Presence at Schools."

The September 19, 2011 issue of the Daily Journal published their Client News Brief article highlighting Assembly Bill 123, a bill aimed at limiting disruptions that threaten students' immediate physical safety when arriving at, attending, or leaving school.

AB 123 adds to Penal Code Section 626.8, which previously made it a misdemeanor for any person to cause disruption at school, remain after being asked to leave, reenter after being asked to leave, or otherwise establish a continued pattern of unauthorized entry. The addition leads Section 626.8 to now make it a misdemeanor to willfully and knowingly create a disruption with intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students in preschool through grade 8.

Section 626.8 now states that this includes any person who comes into any school building or upon any school grounds, or adjacent street, sidewalk, or public way, and willfully and knowingly creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of any pupil in preschool, kindergarten or any grades 1 to 8 inclusive, arriving at, attending, or leaving from school grounds.

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