

## **Lozano Smith Attorneys Named 2013 Northern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars**

**Fresno, Calif., (July 8, 2013)** – [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 2013 Northern 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 2013 Super Lawyers List include:**

[Louis T. Lozano](#), Partner, Northern California Super Lawyer

[Gregory A. Wedner](#), Partner, Northern California Super Lawyer

[Laurie A. Avedisian](#), Partner, Rising Star

[Marisa R. Lincoln](#), Senior Counsel, Rising Star

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

Louis T. Lozano and Gregory A. Wedner were both selected as Northern California Super Lawyers. Mr. Lozano, a revered attorney practicing in Monterey known for his labor negotiation skills, has been named by California *Super Lawyers Magazine* as one of the top attorneys in California for the eighth consecutive year. Mr. Wedner, Managing Partner of Lozano Smith, LLP, practices primarily out of the North Bay and Sacramento offices where he regularly serves as the lead litigator on behalf of public agencies, specializing in employment matters and all other areas of education and municipal law.

“We are truly humbled to receive this recognition and grateful that our passion for public education allows us to serve clients and improve the quality of education for our communities along the way,” says Louis Lozano. “We are also very excited for our three Rising Stars who have all shown a high level of expertise and commitment to clients.”

Laurie A. Avedisian practices out of the Fresno office, and serves as City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney for a number of Central Valley clients. Ms. Avedisian is also co-chair of the firm's Local Government Practice Group and the Board President of the Fresno County Bar Association. Marisa R. Lincoln is Senior Counsel in the Walnut Creek office where she specializes in personnel/labor relations and charter school law. Ms. Lincoln is a specialist in the area of classified and certificated personnel matters. Ashley N. Emerzian represents clients from the Fresno office in both municipal and education law, specializing in local government, litigation and labor and employment issues. Ms. Emerzian will serve on the Board of Directors for the California Young Lawyers Association beginning October 2013.

#### 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](#).