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PRACTICE AREAS

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EDUCATION

CATHOLIC UNIV, COLUMBUS LAW

SCHOOL

JD 2002

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

BA 1999

As a Partner with the Firm, Christy Marie Lopez provides a wide range of legal advice to her city clients from land use issues to open meeting laws. In addition to a variety of municipal law matters, Ms. Lopez advises on communications technology law including the regulation and siting of wireless communications devices and cable franchising under state and federal law. Ms. Lopez assists her clients with drafting ordinances and resolutions, negotiating contracts including leases for city owned property, the Brown Act, Public Records Act, conflicts of interest, zoning, CEQA and wide variety of other planning matters. Additionally, Ms. Lopez has experience in code enforcement, and litigation.

She has substantial experience with all aspects of code enforcing including public nuisances, administrative citations and procedures, abatements, receiverships, animal control including potentially dangerous or vicious dog proceedings, criminal prosecution, jury trial experience, cost recovery, permit revocation and ordinance drafting.

Ms. Lopez has successfully resolved hundreds of code enforcement cases for the firm's clients and she has maintained strong working relationships with code enforcement officers, animal control officers, managers and directors.

Currently, Ms. Lopez is the on the Board of the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN NATOA), having previously served as President. Previously, Ms. Lopez sat on the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County and the Child Creativity Lab.

During law school, Ms. Lopez specialized in Communications Law as a member of the Institute for Communications Law Studies. She interned for the Federal Communications Commission where she advised the Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Commissioner Tristani on communications law and policy matters. She also interned in the General Counsel's office of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA). After graduation, she joined a D.C. law firm where she worked on telecommunications issues and dealings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, until returning to California and joining the Firm in 2004.

Ms. Lopez attended Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington D.C. where she received her J.D. in 2002. While there, she received the Best Oralist award in two Moot Court competitions and was on the National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Team. She served as President of the Environmental Law Society and was also coordinator of the Latin American Law Student Association.



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