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James Sanchez is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Fresno and Monterey offices. He provides legal advice and services on the full range of municipal litigation and transactional legal issues facing local government and municipal agencies throughout California.

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Mr. Sanchez previously served as the City Attorney for the Cities of Sacramento, Fresno and Salinas, as well as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Fresno. While City Attorney for the City of Sacramento, he successfully oversaw coordination of multiple lawsuits, financing and transactions related to the half billion dollar Golden One Center entertainment complex in downtown Sacramento.

Mr. Sanchez has been active in several organizations and committees, including: Rotary Club; Editorial Committee of League of California Cities Municipal Law Handbook; Monterey Bay Representative to League of California Cities statewide Legal Advocacy Committee; and National League of Cities invitee to meet with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. to advocate equitable approaches to municipal environmental liabilities. He has also served as a board member for several community-oriented nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Sanchez received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California Hastings College of Law. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in American History from Pepperdine University (magna cum laude).