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Elizabeth B. (Lisa) Mori is a partner in the Oakland office. Over a twenty year legal career, Ms. Mori has expertly represented school districts in all areas of the law, including proceedings in both state and federal court, as well as the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Public Employment Relations Board, and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and Office of Civil Rights. A seasoned negotiator and former chair of the firm's Labor and Employment practice group, Ms. Mori has assisted both large and small school districts with all aspects of collective bargaining and related labor relations issues, serving in the role of chief negotiator as well as behind-the-scenes counselor and strategist. Skilled in both traditional and interest-based bargaining approaches, she is a certified trainer for the California Teachers Association's Interest Based Bargaining Program and regularly provides workshops and trainings. Ms. Mori also has extensive experience in both certificated and classified employment issues, including evaluation, discipline, layoffs, status, and collective bargaining.

Also ought after for her expertise in governance and charter school matters, Ms. Mori provides training for and advice to boards and staff on issues ranging from effective and collaborative governance, board policies, the Brown Act, and Title IX to the Public Records Act. As co-chair of the firm's Charter Schools Practice Group, Ms. Mori advises school districts and county boards of education on charter school matters ranging from petition review, charter renewal and revocation actions, and facilities issues. Prior to focusing her practice solely on the representation of educational agencies, Ms. Mori was in private practice where she represented school districts and county offices of education in civil litigation as well as numerous Fortune 500 and other corporate clients in products liability cases and complex environmental and toxic tort litigation.

Ms. Mori is actively involved in her own children's education, having served for many years on her local school's PTA Executive Board and volunteering in their classrooms and at school functions. A two-sport Division I collegiate athlete, she has coached both youth tennis and soccer and is currently a Certified Double-Goal Coach™ with the Positive Coaching Alliance.

Ms. Mori received her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a B.A. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara.