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COE names Maribel Medina as General Counsel

SAN JOSE, CA – The position of General Counsel at the Santa Clara County Office of Education has been filled with the appointment of Maribel Medina. She will join the office on Monday, Dec. 2.

Medina is currently a partner at the law firm of Meyers Nave, where she is chair of their education law practice group.

“We’re very fortunate to appoint Ms. Medina as the new General Counsel for the County Office,” said Xavier De La Torre, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. “Her expertise in education law, working both in private practice and for two of the state’s largest school districts, will allow us to continue providing high-quality services to districts, schools and students.”

As General Counsel, Medina will advise the County Superintendent, County Board of Education, management and staff on legal issues affecting the operations of the County Office. Working within the [Office of the Superintendent](#), she will formulate policy, represent the office in court hearings and supervise legal staff in representing the County Office before other public agencies. In addition, she will provide support to the Office of Innovative Schools, which is responsible for the oversight; monitoring and analysis of all SCCOE BOE authorized charter schools.

Prior to joining Meyers Nave, Medina served as General Counsel for San Francisco Unified School District and Special Counsel to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education.

Medina earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley at Boalt Hall, and a master’s degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology and Chicano studies at the University of California, Berkeley.