



School & Education

We help school districts, school boards, and higher education institutions build strong, proactive policies that prevent legal issues before they arise. And when litigation is unavoidable, our attorneys deliver smart, efficient, and cost-conscious solutions—so you can stay focused on your mission to educate.

Sound Legal Advice for Complex, Evolving School Law Issues

Our attorneys have extensive experience guiding school administrators, school boards, and higher education institutions through the complex web of ever-changing laws and regulations applicable to educational institutions.

We work with administrators on a variety of legal issues:

- Personnel and employment matters, including those involving employee contracts, employee or student handbooks, and allegations of employee misconduct
- Student discipline
- Misconduct claims, including allegations of sexual abuse and claims under Title IX and § 1983

Experienced Trial Lawyers

If litigation is required or appropriate, we aggressively represent our clients' interests, frequently resolving the matter at the pre-trial stage with dispositive motions.

We have represented universities, school districts, teachers, board members, and administrators in a variety of litigation matters in federal and state courts, such as:

- Premises liability claims involving injuries that may occur on school property
- Misconduct claims, including those involving school personnel who are accused of sexual misconduct, allegations of Title IX violations,

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