

INDUSTRY

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

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RELATED PRACTICES

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OVERVIEW

We have a long history of active involvement with schools and other educational institutions. We have served as teachers, board members, volunteers, founders, and trusted advisors for a wide variety of schools and affiliated organizations. Through these opportunities, we have gained extensive experience with the unique challenges schools face in today's complex educational environment.

We regularly advise charter schools, private schools, and affiliated organizations on a variety of legal issues. Our representations have included daycares, preschools, primary and secondary schools as well as colleges and universities. Throughout these representations, we endeavor to find cost-effective and creative solutions that advance our clients' important educational missions.

BUSINESS

We help our education clients build strong organizations that remain compliant with an increasingly complex web of regulations and other requirements. We routinely assist with:

- Charter approval
- School formation
- Employment issues
- Governance documentation and disputes
- Public access

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- Sponsor relations
- Replication and expansion
- Sustainability

REAL ESTATE

We understand that school facilities play a vital role in attracting and educating students while also serving as community hubs that bring members together in a common purpose. We regularly represent schools and educational institutions in all aspects of property acquisition and development, including:

- Land acquisition
- Financing
- Construction
- Leasing
- Zoning and land use

LITIGATION

The unique position that schools hold in our society and the importance of their work can give rise to a wide variety of legal challenges. We represent schools and educational institutions in lawsuits and administrative proceedings involving:

- Employment-related litigation
- Discrimination claims
- Student discipline
- Personal injury claims
- Contract disputes
- Student athletics

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Regardless of the coverage, we help schools and educational institutions recover from their insurers and make sure their insurance programs are adequate. We help our clients with:

- Property losses
- Bodily injury

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- Directors and officers liability
- Errors and omissions claims
- Coverage audits

EXPERIENCE

Shell Oil Co. v. Meyer, 684 N.E.2d 504 (Ind. Ct. App. 1997), trans. granted, Shell Oil Co. v. Meyer, 705 N.E.2d 962 (Ind. 1998) (liability of owners and operators under Indiana Underground Storage Tank Act)

Pflanz v. Foster, 888 N.E.2d 756 (Ind. 2008) (statute of limitations under Indiana Underground Storage Tank Act)

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