EDUCATION

HBS represents school boards, administrators, educators, and other professionals with a focus on the unique needs of each client.

Overview

Our attorneys at Hall Booth Smith have broad experience in the area of education. We provide training, counseling, policy development, and both investigative and a full range of litigation/trial services to public schools and other educational entities.

About Our Practice

Our attorneys handle claims involving student issues such as discipline, school violence, special education, testing/promotion, and student records. We also handle employment issues involving teacher evaluation, remediation and discipline, teacher dismissals, at-will employees, sexual harassment, Title IX, and Title VII. Our firm also represents professional educators in internal disciplinary proceedings and other matters relative to their employment.

In addition to handling litigation needs, our Education group focuses on the prevention of legal problems through comprehensive board policy development and review. We also provide staff development on a variety of topics.

We provide legal advice alongside handling litigation needs, but we also believe in the need to focus on litigation prevention through regular consultations with decision makers, resulting in early identification of concerns and issues. We emphasize risk management in the prevention of legal disputes through ongoing consultation and training and provide legal seminars for

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administrators and staff members in personnel law, student discipline, and other issues affecting schools.

Our Education team also provides legal workshops for school board members, school system officials, and professional educators. In addition, we assist school lawyers in Georgia in representing their respective school clients.

Within the area of education law, the attorneys at HBS handle a variety of issues including:

- Bidding and Contracts
- Board Issues
- Civil Rights and Constitutional Law
- Condemnation Law
- Desegregation
- Election Law
- Employment Benefits
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Free Speech Issues
- Nepotism
- Policy Development
- Privacy Law
- Real Estate Law
- Religion in the Schools
- School Bonds and Public Finance
- Special Counsel to Other Attorneys
- Special Education Law
- Student Discipline and Student Rights
- The Georgia Open Meetings Act

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