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She joined the firm after working as a staff attorney for the Pennsylvania State Education Association. There, she counseled members, governance and staff in matters pertaining to individuals with disabilities, special education, assessment and accommodations, child protective services, student records, school funding, ESEA, establishment of religion, school violence, Transfer Between Entities and other legal issues arising in the public educational setting. She was responsible for assisting in drafting, reviewing, and/or analyzing federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines pertaining to these areas and for providing professional development to staff, members and at special education conferences in Pennsylvania and in other states.

Her background also includes work for the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C., where she analyzed and drafted legislation, prepared departmental recommendations for Congress on legislation affecting special education, and received an award for exemplary performance.

She is a board member of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and is a frequent speaker at conferences on various issues related to special education and to other areas listed above.

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Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.) Antioch College (B.A.)

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