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SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY LIABILITY

Johnson & Bell's School Law team combines the firm's excellent legal counsel with timely, practical and inventive programs that help our clients create continuously improving education services and facilities. With backgrounds in education, our team understands the challenges and frequent changes within national, state and local laws that education institutions face. We work with school board members and administrators to find solutions to difficult problems and we are their source for constructive, clear and logical advice.

We foster a collaborative and supportive relationship with the schools we serve. Our commitment to professional excellence in law and personal commitment to serving those who serve children are the right combination to serve today's public school institutions.

Our School Law services include:

Board Governance

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Open Meetings Act (OMA)
- Policies & Procedures

Labor, Employment & Employee Benefits

- Employee Discipline
- Employment
- Negotiations
- Pensions & Benefits

Litigation

- Harassment
- Hazing
- Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)
- Personal Injury
- Sexual Misconduct
- Wrongful Death

School Business Operations

- Bidding
- Construction
- General Contract Needs
- Real Estate

School Revenue Issues

- Budget, Levies, State Aid Reimbursement & PTELL
- Exemption Applications
- Property Tax Appeals
- TIF, Impact Fees & Development
- Incentives

Student Issues

- Special Education
- Student Assignment & Admissions
- Student Discipline
- Student Records & Confidentiality
- Student Rights & Responsibilities

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Summary Judgment Ruling Ends Defamation, IIED Lawsuit Against School

Danzig v. Univ. of Chicago Charter Sch. Corp., 2019 IL App (1st) 182187

Indiana Court Grants Summary Judgment in Favor of School Charged with ADA Violations

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