



## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### Building The Future

Our School Law practice provides a broad range of legal services to primary and secondary public and private schools. School districts turn to our attorneys for guidance when seeking public works or private financing for large real estate acquisition or building expansion projects; we have deep experience as bond counsel for projects of all sizes.

In addition, we counsel schools on a wide array of employment and labor relations issues such as employee due process, tenure, constitutional and civil rights, terminations, discipline, evaluations, discrimination, retaliation, harassment, leave, accommodations, benefits and compensation. We also supply teacher and administrator training, and assist with both collective bargaining and grievance resolution.

The attorneys in our School Law practice also actively advise schools regarding student matters relating to abuse, bullying, corporal punishment, harassment, special education, safety, expulsion, suspension, athletics, drug testing, education records and constitutional and civil rights issues.

We regularly are involved in matters involving school board structure and policies, curriculum development, and compliance, and work with clients to resolve matters arising under Title IX, Section 504, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Indiana's Article 7.

In addition, our practice also includes those legal issues facing schools that are important to a successful school operation, such as real estate, software licenses, equipment purchase negotiations, intellectual property rights, employee benefits, general litigation, and construction.

### Why Barnes & Thornburg?

Finding new ways to help clients identify solutions and new business opportunities, across industries, is at our core. We are, at times, more than lawyers, we are advisers bringing new ideas to light. We understand what keeps you up at night and work collaboratively to find practical and creative solutions, at the heart of business.

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