

Andrea Stone

Practice Area Attorney



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Practices/Industries

- School Law

Education

Miami University
(B.A., 2002)
University of Cincinnati
College of Law
(J.D., 2006)

Overview

Andrea focuses her practice on school law, representing public boards of education in all areas related to school law, including but not limited to employee disciplinary concerns and contract issues, social media issues, student-related disciplinary matters, collective bargaining agreements, residency and custody disputes, the drafting and implementation of board of education policies, public records requests and associated matters, and discrimination concerns.

Andrea has extensive experience providing training for administrators and staff in these issues, with a particular focus in special education related matters and student discipline issues. In special education, she provides representation in the provision of educational programming and services to disabled students, defending placement and programming decisions, counseling clients relative to disciplinary and other issues impacting disabled students. Andrea's representation of boards of education has included attendance at MFE and IEP meetings, assisting districts with child find and evaluation issues, providing counsel regarding programming for students with disabilities, and reviewing draft IEPs for legal compliance. She also represents school districts in matters before the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the Ohio Department of Education in matters involving special education students, and assists clients in all such related litigation.

Experience

- Participates in mediation, training services, and administrative hearings relating to compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the No Child Left Behind Act.
- Represents school boards in employment litigation matters.
- Defends school boards against claims for age, race, and disability discrimination; sexual harassment; breach of contract; defamation; retaliation; and wrongful termination.

Presentations

- "Unique Issues Associated with Emancipated Minors and Adult Student Learners," Ohio School Boards Association Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop (August 2019)
- "Special Education: Is Technology Accessible?" National Business Institute Seminar on "School Law: Social Media and Apps, Cyberbullying, Privacy and Other Technology Issues" (February 2019)
- "Boosting Inclusion for Students with Disabilities," Ohio School Boards Association Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop (September 2017)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- Ohio State Bar Association

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Involvement (Cont)

Professional Affiliations (Cont)

- Norman S. Minor Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- National School Boards Association
- Ohio School Boards Association

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2014-2016, 2018)

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio