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### EXPERIENCE

Partner Laura Schulkind leads the firm's Public Education Practice Group. With over 30 years of experience, Laura is a sought-after education-law expert in a wide range of areas that confront California's public school and community college districts. Her areas of expertise include district governance and board efficacy; ethics and conflicts of interest; government transparency under the Brown Act and Public Records Act; student rights and discipline, including FERPA, Title IX, DACA, and serving students with disabilities under Section 504 and the IDEA; academic, certificated and classified evaluation and discipline; administrator contracts and evaluation; employee leave rights and the interactive process; contract grievance arbitration; unfair labor practices charges before PERB; labor negotiations with academic employees; harassment; employee misconduct investigations; and discrimination complaints made to outside bodies including OCR, EEOC and DFEH.

Laura is particularly recognized statewide for her expertise in designing lawful strategies to promote employment diversity in the community colleges. She was a primary writer of the updated Title 5 Regulations relating to diversity hiring, and was instrumental in their adoption. She has since trained thousands of community college administrators, faculty and staff across the State on designing and implementing strategies to improve workforce diversity, and processes for unbiased decision making.