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INTRODUCTION

Generally speaking, education law refers to laws, regulations, and policies that govern the practice of schooling. Education law may involve, for example, representing children to ensure their access to education or improve their educational opportunities. It may also involve assisting educational leaders in navigating complex legal regimes or representing school districts or universities to address the legal issues they face. In addition, it includes educational policy work for a government agency, an elected representative or an advocacy organization.

The practice of education law touches on numerous subspecialties, including but not limited to contracts, real estate, employment/labor, special education and discipline, nonprofit law, administrative law, disability law, constitutional law and civil rights. While some practitioners develop an expertise in multiple areas, others focus their practice on a particular subspecialty. A solid grounding in education law is also helpful for attorneys who specialize in other aspects of law involving children and families, and education law can also be a pro bono specialty area for attorneys who practice in commercial law firms.

This Education Law Resource Guide is part of a series published by Loyola University Chicago School of Law’s Civitas ChildLaw Center in cooperation with the Office of Career Services, and it is meant to provide you practical information to aid you in your academic and career decision-making. Other resource guides in the series that may be of interest to you include: Child Welfare Law, Family Law, Juvenile Justice Law, Child and Adolescent Health Law, and International Children’s Rights. To access these additional resource guides, see http://www.luc.edu/law/career/practice_areas/index.html. For general information on Loyola’s Education Law and Policy Institute, see www.law.luc.edu/education. For more information on the Civitas ChildLaw Center, see www.luc.edu/childlaw. For additional curriculum-planning guidance, please consult the Office of the Academic Dean. Additional career-planning support is available from the
Although many law students assume that practicing in education law means directly representing students and parents, the reality is that the practice includes a variety of clients and a multitude of interests. Potential clients include universities, primary and secondary school districts, state and local governments, teachers and administrators, unions, students and parents, among others.

Education law attracts regulatory attorneys, transactional attorneys and litigators who practice in a variety of settings. Regulatory attorneys specialize in advising educational institutions on compliance with the federal, state and municipal laws applicable to their work. Transactional attorneys focus on the contractual relationships that form a core component of any educational system, such as contracts relating to real estate, construction, transportation, and other services. On the litigation side, some practitioners focus on class action/impact litigation relating to school funding, civil rights, educational equity, special education, or First Amendment issues. Other litigators, in contrast, devote much of their practice to individual matters involving school discipline, special education or labor and employment matters. Some practitioners do a combination of impact work and individual cases. Regardless of the type of practice, however, most litigators also spend a great deal of time on client counseling, mediation, administrative proceedings and other dispute resolution techniques.

The three primary practice areas for attorneys who practice education law are: (1) government and public policy; (2) representation of school districts and educational institutions; and (3) representation of students and parents. More information about these various career paths and sample biographies of Loyola alumni who have pursued careers in these areas appear below.
Government and Public Policy

The government practice setting provides numerous practice opportunities for those with an interest in legislation and administrative law, among other things. Law graduates can obtain work in federal, state and local agencies involved in regulating and overseeing the provision of education. They can also work on educational policy issues for elected representatives or at non-profit organizations. Legislation and policy relating to school funding, special education, student achievement, school choice, racial equality, teacher performance and other topics present varied opportunities for advocacy. This practice setting also offers the opportunity to pursue alternative legal careers, such as careers focused on community organizing, legal analysis, and advocacy.

Alumni Profile: Jennifer Denny (JD ’13)
Presidential Management Fellow
U.S. Department of Education — Office of Special Education Programs (Washington, D.C.)

After graduating from Loyola, Jenny began working at the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs through the Presidential Management Fellows program. As part of the fellowship, she was assigned a 6-month placement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Educational Opportunities of the Civil Rights Division. Jenny’s work at DOJ includes enforcing racial desegregation court orders in two Louisiana parishes, monitoring a settlement agreement regarding sex-based harassment in a Minnesota school district, and investigating sexual assaults at a school for children with disabilities in Hawaii.

Jenny finds her current position to be the perfect mix of her education background and her law degree. In her roles at DOJ and DOE, she can hold schools accountable for civil
rights violations and work with districts to ensure that all students are safe and have access to a quality education regardless of their demographics. Using her law degree, she is able to help promote systemic responses to challenges that she observed when she was a teacher. She credits the diversity of education law offerings at Loyola and the Education Law Practicum in particular with giving her the knowledge and skills she needed to begin a career in this area.

Jenny emphasized that education law is a very diverse field, so you need to think through where you want to have an impact. There are incredible opportunities at the local, state and federal levels in addition to both the private and public sectors, but each is very unique. She urges current students to use internships and classes to figure out how you want to contribute. She stressed that students should get the most out of their Loyola connections by talking with professors and alumni to build your understanding of the field and chart a path for yourselves.

While at Loyola, Jenny was a ChildLaw Fellow and focused her classes and experiences around education law and policy. Through the Education Practicum, Jenny provided special education advocacy assistance to families of students with disabilities through Equip for Equality and gained litigation experience by working on a lawsuit alleging racial discrimination in a local school district. She also clerked at the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and represented youth in foster care through Loyola’s ChildLaw Clinic.

Prior to law school, Jenny was a Teach For America corps member and taught first grade at a Washington, D.C. charter school while earning her M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education.
**Alumni Profile:** Amy Kosanovich Dickerson (JD ’07)

**Associate, Franczek Radelet P.C. (Chicago, IL)**

Amy Kosanovich Dickerson is an associate at Franczek Radelet, a labor, employment, and education law firm. At Franczek Radelet, Amy represents public school districts, charter schools, private schools and higher education institutions on a full-range of education law issues.

Amy really loves the client counseling and training aspects of education law. Whether it’s talking through a particular student situation with a principal, developing a new policy with a superintendent, or presenting an in-service training on bullying or teacher evaluations, Amy enjoys working di-
rectly with school administrators to help them make decisions that are best for their school districts and the students they serve.

Amy notes that, through Loyola’s coursework and her various internships during law school, she was exposed to many different areas of the law affecting children, all of which helped her identify and confirm her passion and interest for education law. She advises Loyola students to seek out faculty who have experience in – or do work in – the areas that interest you.

Prior to joining the firm, Amy served as a law clerk for the Honorable Morton Denlow, U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Northern District of Illinois. During law school, Amy was a ChildLaw Fellow with the Civitas ChildLaw Center, the executive editor of student articles for the school’s Law Journal and senior editor of the Children’s Legal Rights Journal. Before attending law school, Amy taught fifth and sixth grades in the District of Columbia Public School System as a Teach for America corps member.

Amy was recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in Schools and Education (2012 and 2013). She serves as a faculty member for Loyola’s Childlaw Trial Practice course, leads the Firm’s Education Law Practicum program with Loyola and has previously served as a legal writing professor.
Representation of Students and Parents

Attorneys who represent students and parents can be employed in solo practice, law firms, or non-profit organizations. Some attorneys at large law firms also represent students and parents in education law matters as part of the firm’s pro bono practice. Attorneys may provide individual case representation, primarily in the areas of special education and school discipline. They may also focus on class action/impact litigation on a broad range of educational equity and civil rights issues.

Many attorneys who represent low-income parents and students in education law matters are employed by legal service organizations throughout the country. Others are employed by organizations that are part of the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System, which ensures that each state and territory has an organization that provides legal representation and other advocacy services to people with disabilities in the state. Each state also has a Parent Training and Information Center to provide support and training for families of students with disabilities, some of which also provide legal services to families. In addition to providing legal representation, most non-profit legal service organizations also provide self-advocacy assistance and community outreach.
Alumni Profile: Patrick Keenan-Devlin (JD ’12)

Deputy Director and Staff Attorney at the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (Evanston, IL)

Patrick serves as the Deputy Director and Staff Attorney at the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy. The Moran Center provides integrated legal and social work services to low-income youth in Evanston, Illinois. Patrick represents low-income youth within the Evanston community in juvenile delinquency proceedings, special education matters, and school discipline proceedings.

During his tenure at the Moran Center, Patrick has steadfastly worked to safeguard the procedural and substantive rights of youth who come into conflict with the law. Patrick goes above and beyond for his young clients – shepherding them to and from court, calling to see if they went to school, and shuttling them to counseling appointments. Patrick’s goal is to both protect his young clients’ liberties as well as to ensure their overall well-being.

Patrick started out at the Moran Center helping his juvenile delinquency clients secure educational evaluations, more comprehensive IEPs, and more effective supports and services in school resulting in improved attendance, grades, and reduced disciplinary issues. However, as families in the community learned about Patrick’s special education advocacy, the Moran Center drew in pre-school, elementary, and middle school-aged clients without any interaction with the criminal justice system. Patrick expanded the Moran Center’s special education advocacy to serve pre-school and elementary-school aged children with the objective of keeping those children out of the criminal justice system – stemming the school-to-prison pipeline.
Patrick feels extremely indebted to Professor Kathleen Hirsman for preparing him to hit-the-ground running as a new attorney, as well as for advising him on multiple occasions on how to handle complex legal issues. Patrick urges all Loyola graduates to maintain their contacts at the law school, because as a new practitioner you will need help.

**Education Law at Loyola**

**Relevant Degrees/Programs Offered**

**J.D./M.A.**

In addition to the traditional J.D. program (both full- and part-time), the Education Law and Policy Institute has joined with the School of Education to offer a dual J.D./M.A. degree in Comparative Law and Education. That program, offered by the School of Law and the Cultural and Educational Policy Studies program of the Graduate School of Education, focuses on the legal right of children to obtain an education. The program will produce legal experts who have a grasp of global issues of education with expertise in the legal rights of children.

Comparative Law is the study of differences and similarities among the legal systems of nations. Comparative Education applies the intellectual tools of history and the social services to understanding international issues of education. The importance of these comparative fields has increased enormously in the present age of internationalism, economic globalization, and democratization. This joint program brings together the two fields of Comparative law and Comparative Education on behalf of international advocacy for children's rights to an education.
**Child and Family Law Certificate Program**

The School of Law offers a Certificate in Child and Family Law for J.D. students. To complete the certificate, students must take one required course (Child, Parent and State) and three additional child/family law electives (including education-related courses), achieving a grade of B or better.

**J.D./M.S.W.**

The School of Law and Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work offer a 4-year full-time J.D./M.S.W. degree. The dual degree may also be pursued part-time.

**LL.M. in Child and Family Law**

The LL.M. in Child and Family Law allows law school graduates to develop specialized knowledge and skills in the area of child and family law. Interested students may concentrate in their field of interest, including education law. The program is intentionally small and tailored to meet individual student learning and career goals.

**M.J. in Children’s Law and Policy (online)**

Loyola now offers the nation’s only law-school sponsored online master’s level degree for professionals who work with children and families. The Master of Jurisprudence is a two-year part-time program designed to provide students with a firm understanding of law and policy as they affect children and families, including education law and policy issues. Students have the option to enroll in a program with the School of Social Work, earning M.J. and M.S.W. degrees. For additional information, please see [www.childlawmj.org](http://www.childlawmj.org).
Faculty/Staff Resources

Loyola Law School’s education law curriculum is overseen by the law school’s Education Law and Policy Institute. The following faculty members direct the Institute, teach substantive education law courses, and/or oversee volunteer opportunities in the education law field and can serve as a valuable resource to students on matters relating to curriculum and/or job opportunities:

Dean Michael Kaufman, Law Professor, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Director of the Education Law and Policy Institute

Carol Ashley, Adjunct Faculty

Mary Bird, Director of Public Interest Programs

Hillary Coustan, Adjunct Faculty and Director of Education Law Practicum

Maureen Hager, Adjunct Faculty

Kathleen Hirsman, Senior Lecturer in Residence

Miranda Johnson, Associate Director of the Education Law and Policy Institute

Maureen Kieffer, Associate Director of Career Services and Public Service Law

Monica Llorente, Adjunct Faculty

Micki Moran, Adjunct Faculty
Curriculum

The law school has developed an array of courses designed to train law students, graduate education students, attorneys and educators to address the full range of educational needs of children. In addition, students may take a limited number of education-related courses in other graduate divisions of the University. The law school course offerings include:

Core Courses:

Education Law and Policy
Fundamentals of School Law

Elective Courses:

Comparative Education Law and Policy: Early Childhood Education
Education Policy and Practice: Counseling the School District
Education Litigation: Impact of Civil Rights Equity Cases on K-12 and Post-Secondary School Policies
Labor and Employment Issues in the Education Workplace
Legal Issues in Student Discipline
Special Education Law and Advocacy
Special Education Dispute Resolution
Student Disciplinary Hearing Workshop

Experiential Learning Courses:

Education Law Practicum
Civitas ChildLaw Clinic
Street Law

Related Courses:

Administrative Law

Advanced Legal Writing for the Practice of Law: Disability Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Child, Parent and State

Child and Family Law Mediation

ChildLaw Policy and Legislation Clinic

ChildLaw Trial Practice

Children's Summer Institute

Community Lawyering Practicum

Comparative Law Seminar

Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

Current Issues in ChildLaw Seminar

Disability Law

Employment Discrimination

Employment Law

Employment Law Counseling

First Amendment Rights

First Amendment Seminar

Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence

International Children’s Human Rights
International Human Rights
Juvenile Justice
Labor Law
Law and Poverty
Local Government
Mediation Advocacy
Mediation Seminar
Mental Health Law
Nonprofit Organizations
Restorative Justice
State Constitutional Law
Therapeutic Jurisprudence Practicum

**Experiential Learning Opportunities**

Of the courses listed above, three are of particular significance to students who are looking to gain hands-on experience in the field of education law. The Education Law Practicum, and the Civitas ChildLaw Clinic offer opportunities for students to represent clients in the areas of special education, discipline, school equity, and child welfare. Through the Street Law Program, law students have the opportunity to work directly with students in the Chicago Public Schools.
**Education Law Practicum**

This unique course has a classroom component and a field work component. The class meets formally one hour per week to cover substantive education law issues and to develop skills tailored to the practice of education law. For the field work component of the class, students have the option to work in one of a variety of local placements where they will work under the supervision of practicing attorneys. Students may choose to: (1) provide direct representation and legal assistance to children and families in need of special education services; (2) provide representation of school districts in education law matters; and/or (3) work on educational policy matters. Placement options include local organizations, school districts, law firms and government agencies.

As part of the Education Law Practicum, students may participate in Loyola’s Educational Advocacy Project as an alternative to an external field placement. The Educational Advocacy Project is designed as an experiential learning opportunity primarily for second year full-time students or their part-time equivalents. Working under the close supervision of an experienced attorney, law students will provide educational advocacy for youth involved in school disciplinary and/or special education proceedings.

**Civitas ChildLaw Clinic**

The *Civitas* ChildLaw Clinic is a functioning law office where Loyola J.D. and LL.M. students take on real child-related cases working under the close supervision of faculty. Most clinic cases involve representation of child clients in child welfare, child custody, and education matters. Students are expected to master the law governing their areas of practice, as well as applicable rules of professional
conduct. Students develop a range of lawyering skills, including interviewing, client counseling, case planning, written and oral skills, and courtroom advocacy. These skills are transferrable to any practice setting.

Street Law

Second- and third-year students teach about law and the legal system in Chicago area elementary and high schools. Students attend a weekly seminar and teach two classes per week in their assigned school. In the spring semester students typically have the option of preparing high school students for the city mock trial competition. For that experience, prior or current enrollment in Trial Practice is advisable, but not required.

Extracurricular Opportunities

Loyola also offers an array of extracurricular opportunities for students to work on education law-related matters starting in their 1L year and continuing through graduation. These include the following options:

Education Law and Policy Society (ELPS)

The Education Law and Policy Society is a student-run organization that provides opportunities for interested students to deepen their understanding of the range of law and policy issues affecting children and parents, teachers, and school administrators. For more information, see http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/childlaw/campus/els.html.

Stand Up for Each Other! Chicago (SUFEO Chicago)

SUFEO Chicago is a student-run suspension advocacy project, which is co-sponsored by Loyola University Chicago and the Chica-
go Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights. SUFEO helps youth who are being suspended from various schools for trivial reasons. SUFEO’s goal is to reduce the use of exclusionary discipline by utilizing law students to advocate for CPS students and parents. SUFEO advocates seek first to connect with parents and help them communicate with administrators effectively as well as to guide them through the suspension appeal process. 1Ls can participate in this initiative by conducting intake and outreach for 4 hours per week starting in the spring semester. 2Ls and 3Ls can participate in this project as an extracurricular activity and, with approval, through the Education Law Practicum. For more information, e-mail sufeochicago@gmail.com.

Law-Related Education Project (LRE)

Law-Related Education (LRE) is a nation-wide movement in education and juvenile justice which seeks to promote positive youth development and to increase opportunities for young people to learn about the law. Volunteer law students participate in this movement by teaching classes about the law to the young people in the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. Loyola students seek to develop in the young people an understanding of basic information about the court process from arrest to disposition/sentencing, about who the people are in the courtroom and what their roles are, about their rights as citizens, and about the attorney-client relationship. To effectuate the program goals, volunteers teach in teams of 2 or 3, one night a week for five weeks. Lessons incorporate interactive teaching techniques, which encourage participation from the youth, such as skits and role-plays. More information can be found at http://www.luc.edu/law/centers/childlaw/campus/lre.html.
Children’s Legal Rights Journal (CLRJ)

The Children’s Legal Rights Journal is a legal journal that publishes three issues annually, edited by Loyola students with the cooperation of the National Association of Counsel for Children. The CLRJ focuses on the broad range of legal issues confronting children. Its goal is to provide practitioners in law and related fields with the practical resources they need to be effective advocates for their child clients. The CLRJ encourages interdisciplinary submissions as well as more traditional law-related articles. The CLRJ also organizes an annual symposium on an important issue in children’s legal rights. Several past symposia and past issues have focused on issues related to education law, and articles on this topic are also regularly published. For more information, visit http://luc.edu/law/student/publications/clrj/index.html.

Public Interest Law Reporter (PILR)

The Loyola Public Interest Law Reporter (PILR) is an innovative legal publication that focuses on reporting the most current legal topics in a news format directed to students, educators, and practitioners. PILR offers feature articles and news of legal developments in the areas of human rights, economic justice, education criminal justice, the environment, and governance. In addition to an editorial staff selected through a write-on process, Loyola law students direct all aspects of PILR’s research, writing, graphics, production, and business management. PILR also is known for its yearly symposium, a day-long conference focusing on high-profile legal issues. Several PILR symposia have highlighted important issues and emerging developments related to education law. For more information, visit http://www.luc.edu/law/student/publications/pilr/.
SELECTED EDUCATION LAW RESOURCES

Events, Committees and Organizations

Chicago Bar Association’s YLS Education Law Committee: (http://www.chicagobar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Student_Membership): The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) offers low-cost student memberships, and law student members are eligible to participate in Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Committees. The YLS Education Committee meets monthly with the aim of providing practitioners with an opportunity to address and understand issues within the area of public education law at the pre-K, primary, secondary and post-secondary levels.

Disability Rights Consortium at Equip for Equality (http://www.equipforequality.org/): Equip for Equality hosts monthly seminars on a range of disability-related topics, including special education issues. The seminars are open to the public and are also available by webinar. To be added to the mailing list, contact Barry Taylor at barryt@equipforequality.org.

Illinois State Bar Association’s Section on Education Law (http://www.isba.org/lawstudents): The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) offers low-cost student memberships, and law student members can join the Education Law Section of the ISBA. This includes access to an e-newsletter and discussion group on education law developments in Illinois.
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA): (http://www.copaa.org/): COPAA is a national network of attorneys and advocates that work on behalf of students with disabilities. Student memberships are available, which offer access to discussion boards and materials as well as the option to post a resume.

Fellowships

Civic Legal Corps (CLC) (http://www.civiclegalcorps.org/): CLC is a legal social enterprise training program that empowers new attorneys to expand access to legal services for low- and moderate-income people. Corps members earn a monthly stipend in return for providing direct legal services and undergoing training in innovative legal services delivery, integrative law, and social entrepreneurship.

Equal Justice America (http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org/) awards law students spring, summer and fall fellowships to work with organizations that deliver civil legal services to those most in need.

Equal Justice Works Americorps JD Program (http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/americorpsjd): Provides a modest educational award for summer or term-time internships that can be used toward tuition or loan payment. Requires 300 hours of direct legal service at a qualifying legal project with a nonprofit organization, government agency, or university. Can be used in conjunction with stipends, grants or work-study payments of no more than $4,300.

Equal Justice Works Post-Graduate Fellowships (http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-
fellowships): The Equal Justice Works fellowship competition selects qualified and passionate lawyers who have developed new and innovative legal projects that can impact lives and serve communities in desperate need of legal assistance each year. Third year law students, recent law school graduates, or experienced attorneys who demonstrate a commitment to public interest law are eligible to apply.

Education Pioneers Fellowships (http://www.educationpioneers.org/become-a-fellow/graduate-school-fellowship): The Education Pioneers fellowship program offers 10-week summer fellowships and year-long fellowships to a mission-critical project at a school district, charter school network, nonprofit or other leading education organization. The fellowship is open to talented business, law, policy, and education graduate students with the goal of providing an opportunity to make an impact and launching them into high-level education leadership careers.

Justice Entrepreneurs Project (JEP) (http://chicagobarfoundation.org/jep/): The JEP is a project of the Chicago Bar Foundation that serves as an incubator for recent law school graduates to start their own socially conscious law firms. Selected graduates are part of an 18 month program that provides training, mentoring and assistance with the process of setting up a law practice, as well as shared office space and practice resources.

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) (http://pili.org/): PILI offers stipends for term-time and summer internships at select public interest organizations in Chicago. PILI also offers post
-graduate fellowships for associates hired by law firms partners. Fellows are placed at legal service organizations during summer or fall before they start working at their firms.

**Presidential Management Fellowships** ([http://www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov)):
This federal program matches outstanding graduate students with federal opportunities, including placements with federal educational agencies.

**Skadden Fellowships** ([http://www.skaddenfellowships.org/](http://www.skaddenfellowships.org/)). A 2-year fellowship in public interest law awarded to graduating law students and judicial clerks. Applicants must secure a potential position with a sponsoring public interest organization before applying for a Fellowship. Selection is based not only on the qualifications of the applicant, but also the demonstrated effectiveness of the sponsoring organization. The fellowship committee reviews the applicant's academic performance, demonstrated commitment to the public interest, and the quality of his or her project.

**Soros Justice Fellowships** ([http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/soros-justice-fellowships](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/soros-justice-fellowships)). The Soros Justice Fellowships fund outstanding individuals to undertake 18-month projects that advance reform, spur debate, and catalyze change on a range of issues facing the U.S. criminal justice system. Fellowship proposals can focus on education, health and mental health issues that are aimed at addressing one or more of the Justice Fund’s broad U.S. criminal justice reform goals: reducing mass incarceration, challenging extreme punishment, and promoting justice system accountability.
Job, Internship and Fellowship Listings


Illinois Legal Advocate (http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org): This website provides online practice support to legal aid attorneys and legal aid job postings.

Illinois Pro Bono: (http://lawstudents.illinoisprobono.org/): This website has general information about public interest fellowship opportunities during and after law school, as well as listings of organizations seeking interns and post-graduate fellows.

PSJD (formerly PSLawNet) (www.psjd.org): An online clearing-house for law students and lawyers to connect with public interest job listings and career-building resources.


PIE Network Career Page (http://www.pie-network.org/connect/find-a-job): This site lists job opportunities in educational reform.
Government Sites


**Disability.gov** ([www.disability.gov](http://www.disability.gov)): A federal government website for comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. Disability.gov allows you to find information on ten main subject areas – one of which is education – by searching national and/or state resources.

**U.S. Department of Education — Office for Civil Rights (OCR)** ([http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html)): OCR’s website contains a wealth of information on the application of federal civil rights law to education-related matters.

News Sites

**Catalyst Chicago** ([http://www.catalyst-chicago.org/](http://www.catalyst-chicago.org/)): Catalyst Chicago is an independent newsmagazine created in 1990 to document, analyze and support school-improvement efforts in the Chicago Public Schools. It is published by the Community Renewal Society (CRS), a nonprofit organization that works to create racially and economically just communities.

**Education Week** ([http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html](http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html)): A national newspaper focusing on K-12 education policy that serves as a bridge between the worlds of policy and practice, published by an independent, nonprofit source.


Online Research

Center for Parent Information and Resources (http://www.parentcenterhub.org/): Contains a guide to research on a variety of issues relevant to special education and disability law.

Civil Rights Data Collection: (http://ocrdata.ed.gov/): Wide-ranging education access and equity data from school districts across the country.

Civil Rights Project at UCLA: (http://civillightsproject.ucla.edu/): An outstanding resource on civil rights issues in k-12 and higher education. School discipline is a particular area of focus.

Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE): (http://lawlibguides.luc.edu/content.php?pid=84661&sid=638926): The IICLE regularly publishes a treatise on Illinois School Law, as well as other publications relating to education law. IICLE treatises can be accessed online through the Loyola library databases.
National Clearinghouse on Supportive School Discipline (http://supportiveschooldiscipline.org/): A website developed by the American Institutes for Research as a central source of high-quality, objective, and independent research, data, information, and tools related to school discipline policies and practices.

National Institute for Early Education Research (http://www.nieer.org/): A comprehensive website compiling research on early education programs and their impact.

Special Ed Connection (http://libraries.luc.edu/databases/database/1221): Special Ed Connection is a comprehensive resource on special education law. It contains decisions and rulings in administrative and court proceedings on special education issues and has a very helpful topical search guide. It also contains information on new developments in the field and “Start Smart” guides meant to provide an overview on various aspects of special education law. Loyola has a subscription, which you must access through the Loyola library databases.

Blogs & Other Sites (National)


Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates Blog (http://www.copaa.org/blogpost/895540/COPAA-Public-Blog): A blog by members of an independent nonprofit that work to
protect special education rights and secure excellence in education on behalf of children with disabilities in America.

Dignity in Schools (http://www.dignityinschools.org/): Dignity in Schools’ website and e-newsletter provides information and resources on campaigns against exclusionary school discipline and school push out throughout the country.

Eduwonk.com (http://www.eduwonk.com): A blog written by a co-founder and partner at Bellwether Education Partners that focuses mostly on education policy and politics.

National School Boards Association Legal Clips (http://legalclips.nsba.org/): Weekly updates and resources on school law issues from the National School Boards Association.


Supportive School Discipline Communities of Practice (http://ssdcop.neglected-delinquent.org/): Through this site, you can subscribe to the Supportive School Discipline e-Digest. Regular contents include news from the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Justice and other partner agencies; salient research summaries; examples of effective field practices; announcements submitted by subscribers; and relevant upcoming events.

Blogs and Other Sites (Chicago/Illinois)

District 299: The Inside Scoop on CPS (http://www.chicagonow.com/district-299-chicago-public-schools-
blog): A blog written by a former Chicagoan in conjunction with ChicagoNow.

Franczek Radelet Newsletters (http://www.franczek.com/frontcenter.html#f2): Regular e-newsletters containing legal updates and analysis on education law in Illinois from a law firm that represents school districts and other educational institutions.


Illinois Association of School Boards: (http://www.iasb.com/): Contains links to local and federal resources on school law issues, as well as a directory of school law attorneys throughout the state.


Mike Klonsky’s SmallTalk Blog (http://michaelklonsky.blogspot.com/): An educator, writer, and school/community activist shares ideas about public education, school reform, and ed-politics in general.

Special Education Law Blog (http://specialedlaw.blogs.com): A special education legal resource discussing case law, news, practical advocacy advice, and developments in state and federal laws, statutes, and regulations by an Illinois attorney
who is also a parent of a child with special needs.

A Chicago teacher blogs about education matters in CPS.

**Journals**

**Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal:**
[www.law2.byu.edu/jel](http://www.law2.byu.edu/jel)

**Comparative Education Review:** [www.jstor.org/page/journal/compeducrevi/about.html](http://www.jstor.org/page/journal/compeducrevi/about.html)

**Current Issues in Comparative Education:**
[www.tc.columbia.edu/cice](http://www.tc.columbia.edu/cice)

**Education & Law Journal (Canada):** [www.edu.uwo.ca/ED_LAWJournal/](http://www.edu.uwo.ca/ED_LAWJournal/)

**Journal of Law & Education:** [http://law.sc.edu/jled/](http://law.sc.edu/jled/)

**Journal of Legal Education:** [www.swlaw.edu/jle](http://www.swlaw.edu/jle)

**International Resources**

**Fulbright Scholar Program** ([http://www.cies.org/](http://www.cies.org/)):
The Fulbright program offers grants for professionals in a variety of disciplines, including law, for teaching and research in countries throughout the world. Grants have been awarded for topics in the fields of children’s rights, education and juvenile justice.

UNICEF does work throughout the world on education-related issues, with a high priority on issues related to access of girls to education.

The Children’s Rights Watch program at Human Rights Watch produces detailed and high-quality reports on human rights violations related to education throughout the world. The organization also specifically focuses on education-related deprivations in countries involved in armed conflict.

U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education (http://www.ohchr.org/EN/issues/Education/SREducation/Pages/SREducationindex.aspx): The website of the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education describes the right to education in international law and provides U.N. news, country reports, and individual complaints regarding violations of the right internationally.

Other Resources

If you are seeking to move to another state and want to represent children and parents on special education issues, the following websites can help you to identify organizations doing that work in the state that you are interested in:

Legal Services Corporation – LSC Programs by State (http://lsc.gov/find-legal-aid): Lists organizations in each state funded by the Legal Service Corporation, the largest funder of civil legal aid services for low-income Americans.

National Disability Rights Network (http://www.ndrn.org/ndrn-member-agencies.html): NDRN is a nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). Collectively, the P&A/CAP network is the largest provider of legally based advocacy services to people with disabilities in
the United States. The NDRN website contains a listing of the P&A and CAP organizations in each state.

Parent Center Hub—Find Your Parent Center (http://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/): Provides listing of each state’s Parent Training and Information Center and other organizations that service parents and children with disabilities in each state.

INTERNSHIP/JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

The following pages contain a listing of government agencies, law firms, and legal organizations that specialize in or practice some aspect of education law. This list is not exhaustive, but serves as a starting point for students who are searching for positions in this area. Loyola’s Office of Career Services is also an important resource for Loyola students and graduates. For additional information, please contact Miranda Johnson, Associate Director, Education Law and Policy Institute at mjohnson11@luc.edu and Maureen Kieffer, Associate Director, Office of Career Services at mkieffer1@luc.edu.

- Used for those firms/agencies/organizations that offer placements as part of the Education Law Practicum.

*Denotes those firms/agencies/organizations that currently employ Loyola law school alumni. The listing below includes the names of alumni employed by these institutions according to information available at the time this publication was updated. For more recent information, contact the School of Law’s Office of Career Services.
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Chicago Public Schools ● *
(Chicago Board of Education)
1 North Dearborn
Chicago, IL  60602
Tel. 773-553-1700
Fax 773-553-1701
www.cps.edu
Alumni:  Kathleen M. Gibbons (JD ‘87)
          James G. Ciesil (JD ‘89)
          Elizabeth F. Deisinger Wagman (JD ‘09)

Niles Township High School District 219 ●
7700 Gross Point Road
Skokie, IL  60077
Tel. 847-626-3982
Fax 847-626-3076
http://www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Illinois State Board of Education*
100 W Randolph, Suite 14-300
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-814-2223 & 217-782-8535
www.isbe.net
Alumni:  Gery Chico (JD ‘85)
          Lou Ann Mack (JD ‘84)
          Andrew Eulass (JD ‘94)

Illinois Attorney General, Disability Rights Bureau*
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 814-3000
http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/
Alumna: Judith Levitan (LLM ‘09)
Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board*
160 N LaSalle, Suite N-400
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-793-3170
Fax 312-793-3369
www2.illinois.gov/elrb
Alumni: Katherine Levin (JD ‘87)
Victor E. Blackwell (JD ‘91)

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (Region V)●*
500 W. Madison Ave, Suite 1475
Chicago, IL 60661
Tel.: (312) 730-1560
Fax: (312) 730-1576
http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html
Alumni: Patrick Alexander (JD ‘00)
Tamara Perry (JD ‘02)
Lara I. Vaive (JD ‘03)
Leticia Magdaleno (former faculty member)

U.S. Department of Education (Region V)
500 W. Madison St., Suite 1427, 1475
Chicago, IL 60661
Tel. 312-730-1700
Fax 312-730-1704
www.ed.gov

U.S. Department of Education*
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202
202-245-7468
http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/aboutus.html
Alumna: Jennifer Denny (JD ‘13)
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Educational Opportunities Section, PHB
Washington, DC 20530
Tel. 202-514-4092
Fax 202-514-8337
www.justice.gov/crt

PRIVATE FIRMS
The symbols below are intended to provide you with more information regarding the education law practice of the various firms below. Below the list of firms and their contact information is a listing of firms by practice area.

● Offers placements as part of the Education Law Practicum.
* Employs Loyola alumni in education law practice
# School district representation
° Student/parent representation
X Higher education representation
@ Labor and employment representation
% Civil rights (ADA, employment, etc.)

Ancel Glink Diamond Bush DiCianni & Krafthefer * #
140 S Dearborn, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60603
Tel. 312-782-7606
Fax 312-782-0943
www.ancelglink.com
Alumna: Darcy L. Proctor (JD ‘88)

Arnstein & Lehr, LLP #
120 S Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-876-7100
Fax 312-876-0288
http://www.arnstein.com/
Barnes & Thornburg, LLP
1 N Wacker Dr, Suite 4400
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-357-1313
Fax 312-759-5646
www.btlaw.com

Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP
111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Tel. 317-684-5000
Fax 317-684-5173
www.boselaw.com

Cahill & Associates
1155 S. Washington Street, Suite 106
Naperville, IL 60540
Tel. (630) 778-6500
Fax (630) 778-0722
http://cahillassociateslaw.com/
Alumna: Mary Denise Cahill (JD ’76)

Canna & Canna Ltd
10703 W. 159th St,
Orland Park, IL 60467
Tel. 708-349–2772
Fax 708- 349-8272
www.cannalaw.com

Child & Family Law Center of the North Shore, LTD
1950 Sheridan Rd., Suite 106
Highland Park, IL 60035
Tel. 847-926-0101
Fax 847-926-8500
www.lawforchild.com
Contact: Micki Moran (adjunct faculty)

Ciesla & Ciesla, P.C.
836 Skokie Blvd.,
Northbrook, IL 60062
Tel. 847-412-1988
www.cieslaciesla.com

DeAno & Scarry, LLC #
53 W Jackson Blvd, Suite 550
Chicago, IL 60604
Tel. 630-690-2800
Fax 630-690-2853
www.deanoscarry.com

DeBlasio & Donnell LLC
22 W. Washington, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60602
Tel. 312-238-8960

2001 Midwest Road, Suite 100
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Tel. 630-560-1123
Fax 630-560-1144
www.dd-lawfirm.com

Del Galdo Law Group, LLC* # x @
1141 S. Harlem Avenue
Berwyn, IL 60402
Tel. 708-222-7000
Fax 708-222-7001
http://www.dlglawgroup.com/
Alumni: Christina Sepiol (JD ’90)
Veronica Bonilla-Lopez (JD ’03)
Claire A. Weinstein (JD ’07)

Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP #
227 W. Monroe Street
Suite 3850
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-372-6060
Fax 312-372-6085

Despres, Schwartz and Geoghegan, Ltd.* @ %
77 W. Washington St., Ste. 711
Chicago, IL 60602
Tel: 312-372-2511
http://dsgchicago.com/

Drinker Biddle #
191 North Wacker Dr., Suite 3700
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-569-1000
Fax 312-569-3000
www.drinkerbiddle.com

Duane Morris LLP x %
190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3700
Chicago, IL 60603-3433
Tel. 312-499-6700
Fax 312-499-6701

Elaine K.B. Siegel & Associates, P.C. # *
11 E Adams St., Suite 1401
Chicago, IL 60603
Tel. 312-583-9970
Fax 312-583-9972
www.siegel-law.com

Law Offices of Charles P Fox *
355 W Dundee, Suite 209
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Tel. 847-205-9897
Fax 847-205-9840
http://foxspecialedlaw.com/
Alumna: Julie Welsh (JD ‘95)

Franczek Radelet, P.C. * #
300 S Wacker Drive, Suite 3400
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-986-0300
Fax 312-986-9192
www.franczek.com
Alumni: Shelli Anderson (JD ‘97)
         Dana Fattore Crumley (JD ‘01)
         Amy Kosanovich Dickerson (JD ‘07)
         Laura Knittle (JD ‘13)
         Jamel Greer (JD ‘14)

Law Offices of Steven E. Glink #
3338 Commercial Ave
Northbrook, IL 60062
Tel. 847-480-7749
Fax 847-480-9501
www.educationrights.com

Goldberg, Kohn, Bell, Black, Rosenbloom, & Moritz, LTD. #
55 E Monroe St, Suite 3300
Chicago, IL 60603
Tel. 312-201-4000
Fax 312-332-2196
www.goldbergkohn.com

Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP* #
222 N LaSalle St, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-704-3000
Fax 312-704-3001
www.hinshawlaw.com
Alumni: Steven M. Puiszis (JD ‘79)
         Kathryn S. Vander Broek (JD ‘94)
Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer Rodick & Kohn LLP #
3030 Salt Creek Lane, Suite 202
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Tel. 847-670-9000
Fax 847-670-7334
www.hlerk.com
Alumna: Rupa Ramadurai (JD ‘14)

Hogan Lovells #
Columbia Square, 555 Thirteenth St, NW
Washington, DC 20004
Tel. 202-637-5600
Fax 202-637-5910
www.hoganlovells.com

Holland & Knight #
131 S Dearborn, 30th Fl
Chicago, IL 60603
Tel. 312-263-3600
Fax 312-578-6666
www.hklaw.com

Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick, & Dym Ltd. # @
70 W Madison, Suite 4000
Chicago, IL 60602
Tel. 312-580-0100
Fax 312-580-1994
www.hsplegal.com

Ice Miller LLP x
200 W Madison, Suite 3500
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-726-1567
Fax 312-726-7102
www.icemiller.com
K&L Gates LLP #
70 W Madison, Suite 3100
Chicago, IL 60602
Tel. 312-372-1121
www.klgates.com

Kingery Durree Wakeman & O'Donnell, Assoc. #
Commerce Bank Building
416 Main St., Suite 915
Peoria, IL 61602
Tel. 309-676-3612
Fax 309-676-1329
http://www.kdwolaw.com/

Klein Thorpe & Jenkins #
20 N Wacker Drive, Suite 1660
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-984-6400
Fax 312-984-6444
www.ktjlaw.com
Alumnus: Thomas Melody (JD '94)

Law Offices of Robert E. Lehrer %
36 S Wabash Ave, Suite 1310
Chicago, IL 60603
Tel. 312-332-2121
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Law Offices of Matt Keenan * %
9239 Gross Point Road, Suite 202A
Skokie, IL 60077
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http://www.mattkeenanlaw.com/
Alumnus: Matt Keenan (JD '89)
Mauk & O'Connor, LLP *
1427 W Howard St.
Chicago, IL 60626
Tel. 773-508-9799
Fax 773-338-8397
www.maukoconnor.com

McGuire Woods LLP x
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Chicago, IL 60601
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Fax 312-849-3690
http://www.mcguirewoods.com/

Matt Cohen & Associates ● *
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Chicago, IL 60601
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Fax 312-729-5479
www.mattcohenandassociates.com
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www.nixonpeabody.com
Pugh, Jones, & Johnson #
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Chicago, IL 60601
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Shriver, O'Neill & Thompson*
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Rockford, IL 61103
Tel. 815-963-4896
Fax 815-963-4904
www.ilspecialedlaw.com

The Law Offices of Spesia & Ayers*
1415 Black Road
Joliet, IL 60435
Tel. 815-726-4311
Fax 815-846-2410
http://www.spesia-ayers.com/
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        Michael R. Stiff (JD ‘88)

Sraga Hauser, LLC*
2215 York Rd, Suite 206
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Tel. 630-928-1200
Fax 630-928-1300
www.sragahauser.com
Alumni: Teri E. Engler (JD ‘80)
        Cynthia M. Baasten (JD ‘04)
Thompson Coburn LLP* # x
55 E Monroe St, 37th Fl
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       Michael D. Lane (JD ’06)

Whit Law LLC #
70 South Constitution Drive
Aurora, IL 60506
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Fax 630-897-1258
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       Brian R. Bare (JD ’06)

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Northbrook, IL 60062
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Fax 847-564-8419
http://www.wthlawfirm.com/
Alumna: Traci E. Kotlarz (JD ’94)

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Law Firms by Education Law Practice Area
School District Representation
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Arnstein & Lehr
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DeAno & Scarry, LLC
Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP
Drinker Biddle
Elaine K.B. Siegel & Associates, P.C.
Franczek Radelet, P.C.
Law Offices of Steven E. Glink
The Law Offices of Spesia & Ayers
Goldberg, Kohn, Bell, Black, Rosenbloom, & Moritz, LTD
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer Rodick & Kohn LLP
Hogan Lovells
Holland & Knight
Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick, & Dym LTD
K&L Gates LLP
Kingery Durree Wakeman & Ryan, Assoc.
Klein Thorpe & Jenkins
Pugh, Jones, & Johnson
Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor LTD
Scariano, Himes & Petrarca Chartered
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Sraga Hauser, LLC
Thompson Coburn LLP
Whitt Law LLC
Whitted, Takiff & Hansen, LLC

Student/Parent Representation

Cahill & Associates
Child & Family Law Center of the North Shore, LTD
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Despres, Schwartz and Geoghegan, Ltd.
Elaine K.B. Siegel & Associates, P.C.
Law Offices of Charles P Fox
Law Offices of Steven E. Glink
Law Offices of Matt Keenan
Mauk & O’Connor, LLP
Matt Cohen & Associates
Shriver, O’Neill & Thompson
Whitted, Takiff & Hansen, LLC

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Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP
Ciesla & Ciesla, P.C.
Duane Morris LLP
Ice Miller LLP
McGuire Woods LLP
Nixon Peabody LLP
Schiff Hardin LLP
Thompson Coburn LLP
Winston & Strawn LLP

Labor and Employment Representation
Despres, Schwartz and Geoghegan, Ltd.
Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick, & Dym LTD
Nixon Peabody LLP
Robin Potter & Associates
Quarles & Brady LLP

Civil Rights
DeBlasio & Donnell LLC
Despres, Schwartz and Geoghegan, Ltd.
Duane Morris LLP
Law Offices of Robert E. Lehrer
Robin Potter & Associates
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Fax 312-201-9760
www.aclu-il.org

Access Living
115 West Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60654
Tel. 312-640-2100
Fax 312-640-2101
www.accessliving.org

Cabrini Green Legal Aid
740 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60642
Tel. 312-738-2452
http://www.cgla.net/

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless—Law Project*
70 E. Lake St. Suite 700
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-641-4140
www.chicagohomeless.org
Alumnus: Graham Bauman (JD ‘13)

Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law ● *
100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60602-2403
Tel. 312-630-9744
Fax 312-630-1127
www.clccrul.org

Alumna: Candace Moore (JD ‘13)

**Consortium for Educational Change (CEC)*
530 East 22nd Street
Lombard, IL 60148
Tel. 630-495-0507
Fax 630-495-7443
www.cecillinois.org

**Designs for Change**
814 South Western Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60612
Tel. 312-236-7252
Fax 312-236-7927
www.designsforchange.org

**Ed-Red**
1131 South Dee Road
Park Ridge, IL  60068
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Fax 847-692-8055
https://sites.google.com/a/ed-red.org/ed-red/home

**Equip for Equality ● * **
20 N Michigan Ave #300
Chicago, IL 60602
Tel. 312-341-0022
Fax 312-341-0295
http://www.equipforequality.org/
Alumnus: Daniel Hochbaum (JD ‘12)

**Family Resource Center on Disabilities**
20 E. Jackson, Room 300
Chicago, IL 60604
Tel. 312-939-3513
Health and Disability Advocates
205 W. Monroe, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-223-9600
www.hdadvocates.org
Alumnus: Zach Hunsinger (JD ’10)

Illinois Association of School Boards
1 East 22nd St, Suite 20
Lombard, IL 60148
Tel. 630-629-3776
www.iasb.com

Illinois Education Association*
530 E. 22nd St.
Lombard, IL 60148
Tel. 630-495-3250
http://www.ieanea.org/
Alumnus: Larry A. Petchenik (JD ’87)

Illinois Network of Charter Schools*
150 N Michigan Ave #430
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-629-2063
https://www.incschools.org
Alumna: Ariel Johnson (JD ’14)

Legal Advocacy Center, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
216 W. Jackson
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel. 312-673-2740
Fax 312-855-3754
http://www.jcfs.org/node/147
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy ● *
1123 Emerson, Suite 203
Evanston, IL 60201
Tel. 847-492-1420
www.moran.center.org
Alumni: Kathy Lyons (JD ’94)
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Fax 312-663-4307
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         Verity Sandell (JD ’12)
         Kate Gladson (JD ’14)

The Legal Council of Chicago
Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children
180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2110
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel. 312-427-8990
Fax 312-427-8419
www.aidslegal.com
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
50 East Washington, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Tel. 312-263-3830  
http://povertylaw.org/  
Contact: Carol Ashley (adjunct faculty)

Teach for America—Legal Affairs and General Counsel’s Office  
300 West Adams Street, Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60606  
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208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1490  
Chicago, IL 60604  
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Fax 312-456-0088  
info@voices4kids.org  
http://www.voices4kids.org/

Illinois

Prairie State Legal Services  
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303 N. Main Street, Suite 600  
Rockford, IL 61101  
Tel.: 815-965-2134  
Fax: 815-965-1081  
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ACLU
125 Broad St, 18th Fl
New York, NY 10004
www.aclu.org

Advancement Project
1220 L Street NW, Suite 850
Washington, DC 20005
Tel. 202-728-9557
Fax: 202-728-9558
http://www.advancementproject.org

Advocates for Children of New York
151 W. 30th St., 5th Fl.
New York, NY 10001
Tel. 212-947-9779
Fax 212-947-9790
www.advocatesforchildren.org
Resource: Miranda Johnson (faculty/former staff attorney)

Appleseed Network
111 14th St., NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20005
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www.appleseednetwork.org

Center on Education Policy
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Washington, DC 20037
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Disability Law Center
11 Beacon St., Suite 925
Boston, MA 2108
Tel. 617-723-8455
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www.dlc-ma.org

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210
Berkeley, CA 94703
Tel. 510-644-2555
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www.dredf.org

Disability Rights Legal Center
Loyola Law School Public Interest Law Center
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Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 736-1334
http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/

Education Law Center
60 Park Place, Suite 300
Newark, NJ 7102
Tel. 937-624-1815
www.edlawcenter.org

Education Law Center
The Philadelphia Building
1315 Walnut St., 4th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Tel. 215-238-6970
www.elc-pa.org

Maryland Disability Law Center
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Baltimore, MD 21201
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www.mdlclaw.org

Massachusetts Advocates for Children
25 Kingston St, 2nd Fl
Boston, MA 2111
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NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
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http://www.naacpldf.org/

National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
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http://www.publiccharters.org/

National Disability Rights Network
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www.ndrn.org/

National Economic and Social Rights Initiative
90 John Street, Suite 308
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http://www.nesri.org/

**National School Boards Association**  
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**NICHCY (National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities)**  
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**Public Advocates**  
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**School House Legal Services Advocates for Children & Youth**  
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www.acy.org

**Southern Poverty Law Center * **  
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**Youth & Education Law Project**
Stanford Law School-Law Clinic-B21
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Stanford, CA 94305
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