

## Practice Groups

### Education Law

In the ever-changing environment of public education, school districts face new challenges almost daily, and are met with numerous issues that require the watchful eye and steady hand of experienced counsel. Whether your challenge involves ensuring that student disciplinary measures relative to special education students comport with the I.D.E.A., prosecuting school personnel actions, navigating the Charter School Law and recently enacted Empowerment Act, or negotiating employment contracts with administrators and/or collective bargaining units, Rhoads & Sinon LLP has the depth and expertise to enable you to meet and overcome it.

Our attorneys are skilled and knowledgeable in a variety of public education law areas including:

- student discipline;
- personnel evaluations;
- personnel suspensions and terminations;
- administrative demotions;
- the Charter School Law of 1997;
- the Empowerment Act of 2000;
- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001;
- civil rights defense of school board actions;
- public official and governmental immunity actions; and
- administrative personnel/collective bargaining contract negotiations.

On a more specialized front, Special Education can be a complex and costly battlefield for School Districts. Rhoads & Sinon LLP, however, has both the experience and the expertise to help guide districts through this difficult area. We have helped our clients handle a wide range of special education matters involving:

- Due Process Hearings
- Appeals Panel Litigation
- Federal Court Litigation
- Training/Education of Professionals and Staff
- Policy Writing and Review
- General and daily advice on virtually special education issues

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## Education Law Online Articles

Supreme Court Update: Safford Unified School District #1 v. Redding, No 08-479,  
Decided June 25, 2009

Supreme Court Update: Forest Grove School District v. T.A., No 08-305, Decided June  
22, 2009

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