

Education

Public/private schools, higher education institutions, education nonprofits, and school boards.

School districts across the state have for decades relied on Friday, Eldredge & Clark's focused and insightful counsel to represent them in finance, governance and dispute resolution.

We counsel school districts regarding compliance with the Arkansas Teacher Fair Dismissal Act, Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1400, the Voting Rights Act, Title IX, the Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 4071, and other federal and state laws governing school districts, their students and employees. Our education lawyers also represent school districts in cases involving constitutional issues such as free speech, religion and student searches.

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FAQ

How do I begin working with your firm if my school or institution needs legal assistance?

We start with an initial consultation to understand your institution, governance structure, and challenges. From there, we design a strategy to address compliance, employment, contracts, or litigation matters.

Do you provide guidance to school boards and administrators on governance and policy?

Yes. We counsel boards, administrators, and trustees on bylaws, policy development, compliance obligations, and fiduciary duties to ensure effective governance.

Can you assist with employment-related disputes involving teachers, faculty, or staff?

Absolutely. We represent institutions in employment litigation, contract negotiations, wage and hour disputes, non-compete matters, and collective bargaining with unions.

Do you handle matters related to student discipline or rights?

Yes. We advise schools on due process, special education (IDEA), Title IX compliance, and civil rights claims to help institutions manage sensitive student matters lawfully and fairly.

What regulatory and compliance matters can your attorneys help with?

We assist with FERPA, Title IX, ADA, Section 504, and other federal and state regulations governing education institutions.