



## Education Law

*Serving Schools and Future Leaders, One Case at a Time*

GCR has extensive experience working with school districts, charter schools, and both public and private institutions of higher education. Effective education representation requires attorneys who understand that advocacy on behalf of institutions has a direct and positive impact on the mission of the institution and student achievement. The legal services provided to education institutions include:

- governance and Brown Act compliance
- personnel
- labor negotiations
- litigation
- construction and real estate
- school finance
- athletic programs, FERPA issues and student discipline
- academic freedom and First Amendment issues
- accreditation issues
- charter school petitions
- contract creation and enforcement
- eminent domain acquisitions and litigation
- grievance administration
- privacy issues for students and employees

## Special Education Law

GCR attorneys provide comprehensive legal support and services to clients in all aspects of special education and disability law. The firm has extensive experience defending school districts in cases of all sizes, from the individual due process matters before the Office of Administrative Hearings, to class-action litigation involving thousands of plaintiffs seeking to use federal and state courts and agencies to impose changes in district policies, procedures and operations.

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Expertise includes mediations, IEP meetings and IEP formulation, policy development, special education training, general litigation, interagency negotiations, student records, manifestation determinations/ discipline issues, transportation, transition, private and charter school special education and related collective bargaining matters.

By taking a pragmatic approach to special education advocacy, GCR attorneys take account of the unique and often sensitive relationships between instructional and administrative personnel, the student, his or her parents or guardian, and other public agencies.