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Gretchen M. Shipley is the Office Managing Partner in the San Diego area office and co-chair of the firm's eMatters Practice Group. In this leadership role, she keeps the firm and its clients in front of the legal issues that stem from technology in today's education environment. A respected legal leader in education law and technology, Ms. Shipley advises school districts and delivers workshops to students, employees and district leaders nationwide on the promotion of cyber-citizenship in the school community and the implications of cyber-misconduct in the classroom and workplace. Ms. Shipley has collaborated with the Association of California School Administrators to co-produce the popular "Logged On" seminars, created to offer guidance on employee and student issues that stem from embedding technology into public education. Ms. Shipley also advises clients on the acquisition process of new technology, online instruction, E-Rate compliance and the business aspects of school technology.

Ms. Shipley is often called upon to act as general counsel to school districts and provide legal guidance on an array of matters including business, facilities, personnel, student discipline, governance and litigation. For the past five years, Ms. Shipley served as the firm's co-chair of the Business, Facilities and Real Estate practice group and works closely with the California Association of School Business Officials to deliver workshops on purchasing, public bidding, facilities, and construction. She recently co-authored CASBO's 2011 Guide to Public Bidding. Ms. Shipley has litigation and administrative hearing experience in the areas of civil rights, school construction, business, and employment. She has also drafted numerous board policies and employee handbooks and has counseled clients through employee investigations and the disciplinary process.

Ms. Shipley has presented before NSBA, CSBA, ACSA Personnel Academy, ACSA Women's Leadership Network, ACSA Principal's Institute, CASBO, and CASCWA. Ms. Shipley also conducts webinars, Skype presentations and school site trainings primarily in the arena of education technology and cyber-citizenship.

She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2000, preceded by an undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona in 1997.