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What can I solve for you?

Bringing an ability to craft and deliver persuasive presentations in an array of judicial venues, I represent my clients with steady and reasoned yet zealous advocacy in due process hearings and other litigation matters, including appellate cases. I also advise them on the full spectrum of special education and student services issues to help them avoid disputes and maintain their focus on providing the best public education environments possible.

What's it like to work with me?

My clients enjoy working with me just as much as I enjoy working with them. Together we build strong personal friendships as well as professional relationships that engender rapport, respect and trust. It's particularly satisfying to puzzle out the day-to-day issues that crop up. We produce creative, student-centered solutions that fit both the districts' and the children's requirements while staying within the parameters of all applicable laws and regulations.



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Overview

As an enthusiastic advocate for public learning, litigator David Mishook advises and defends California school districts, county offices of education and community college administrators statewide in all aspects of student services and special education cases. Appearing in state, federal and appellate courts statewide, he handles general, complex and municipal litigation involving issues of civil rights, civil harassment, employment, personal injury and criminal matters.

David regularly conducts and defends depositions, facilitates status conferences and represents school agencies in state special education due process hearings and in special education appeals in federal court. His counsel includes advising districts in threatened and filed class action litigation related to the provision of special education services, including assisting in successful settlements. Regularly providing training sessions on key topics, David guides clients in crafting or adjusting policies and procedures that help prevent problems and disputes from arising.

Whether David is helping clients navigate matters involving discipline, expulsion, the gender spectrum, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or other fraught issues, he places a premium on ensuring that students receive sensitive and fair treatment that facilitates the best educations possible for their particular circumstances. As David puts it: "What I want to see most for California's students, including my own children, is a strong public school system meeting every individual's needs."

Always taking a highly professional approach, David is very knowledgeable about the law and gains a full understanding of the facts of a case to emphasize strengths and overcome weaknesses. In addition, David's reputation as an outstanding legal analyst, logician and writer makes him highly in-demand to author high-stakes briefs. No matter what method he uses to further his clients' interests, he cuts through the noise to zero-in on the core of every issue.

David brings a wealth of valuable experience to his current practice. While in law school, he worked with the Juvenile Hall Outreach Project, teaching Street Law to incarcerated youth in Alameda County, and also served as an extern for the Hon. Carlos T. Bea of the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeal in San Francisco.

After receiving his J.D., David became an attorney fellow at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, where he was responsible for arraignments and preliminary hearings, as well as arguing evidentiary matters. He also served as an indigent criminal appellate panel attorney for the Sixth District Appellate Project, the First District Appellate Project and the California Appellate Project-Los Angeles. Prior to joining F3 Law, David practiced general litigation at a Marin County law firm, specializing in municipal litigation and criminal defense.



Experience Highlights

- *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*, Supervising Editor

Externships

- Worked as an extern for the Hon. Carlos T. Bea of the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeal in San Francisco

After School

I have two young kids, so spending time with my family is my main focus outside of work. Cooking and baking bread help me relax, and I also enjoy traveling, woodworking and building things around the house.

Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2010)
- Stanford University (B.A., Drama and History, *with distinction and high honors*)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York
- Washington

Related Services

- Investigations
- Litigation
- Special Education
- Student Rights & Discipline
- Title IX



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Related Clients

- Public Education K-12