



F3 Law

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What can I solve for you?

Clients value my dedication to their matters, communication skills, and ability to apply effective sometimes innovative strategies in representing them in disputes and providing knowledgeable compliance counsel to help avoid problems. When conducting investigations, I remain a neutral third party while still being thorough and efficient.

What's it like to work with me?

I bring a practical yet creative approach that allows me to problem-solve effectively. My clients know that I'm always available to work through the issues that crop up through whatever means they prefer, whether that's through phone calls, emails or in-person conversations. As a former public-school teacher, I gained great insight into the challenges that educators and school administrators face on a daily basis. This ground-level experience truly strengthens my relationships with clients.

"I began my work in education as a public school teacher and am honored to now work with our clients to support students."



Overview

Serving Bay Area school districts, other public agencies across California, and clients in Washington state, Elizabeth Schwartz adeptly handles a range of special education and student services issues.

Elizabeth always aims to find solutions to problems as quickly and painlessly as possible. If special education or expulsion due process hearings are ultimately warranted, however, clients know they can turn to Elizabeth as their go-to person to walk them smoothly through every step of the way with the least amount of exposure. With significant experience and deep, broad knowledge in conducting and advising in these proceedings, Elizabeth relishes the opportunity for judges to hear the districts' positions through her clear, persuasive advocacy. On the investigative end of her practice, she examines everything from allegations of sexual harassment to discrimination by diving in deep, asking probing questions and carefully assessing both the big picture and the crucial details.

Contributing her strong leadership skills to F3, Elizabeth serves as the Oakland office's Managing Associate. In this role she helps integrate new associates into the firm through providing mentoring and written guidance. She also served for two years as a committee member on the Office of Administrative Hearings Special Education Advisory Committee.

During law school, she externed for the Honorable Michael J. McShane in the United States District Court, District of Oregon, assisted the Lane County District Attorney's Office through the Criminal Prosecution Clinic and interned with the Oregon Department of Justice's Child Advocacy Section.

At the start of her career, Elizabeth taught second grade in Oklahoma City through Teach for America. She now considers it a privilege to work with school districts and other clients in California and Washington to support students in their educational journeys.

Experience Highlights

- President of the Moot Court Board at UO Law
- Director of the Child and Family Law Association at UO Law

Internship

- Oregon Department of Justice's Child Advocacy Section



Externships

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Fellowships

- Oregon Child Advocacy Project Fellow

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- Office of Administrative Hearings Special Education Advisory Committee, Member 2020-2021
- Running for a Better Oakland, Board Member 2021-2025
- Women Lawyers of Alameda County, Board Member 2023-2024

After School

I enjoy long-distance running, and I volunteer with a local youth running program on Saturday mornings. I also like going on hikes with my dog, playing tennis, and spending time with family and friends.

Education

- University of Oregon School of Law (J.D.)
- Miami University of Ohio (B.S., Business)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California
- Washington



Related Services

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

Related Clients

- Public Education K-12