



## Jennifer Nix

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### What can I solve for you?

Drawing from my experiences as a teacher, I help educational institutions solve their most complex legal challenges in special education, student services, and charter schools—with a sharp focus on practical, student-centered solutions.

### What's it like to work with me?

I bring to the table not just legal acumen but a teacher's heart, blending humor and understanding to foster lasting relationships that prioritize education and trust.

## Overview

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Over the past decade, Jennifer Nix has been a beacon for K-12 clients, representing school districts, county offices of education, and special education local plan areas (SELPs) in all related matters, especially in the areas of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504, Title IX, and student discipline. Her expertise extends to administrative proceedings before the Office of Administrative Hearings, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, and the California Department of Education.

Jennifer's background as a middle school teacher prior to her legal career injects a unique depth to her practice. It is this teacher's soul that inspired her to attend of school law, identifying a niche where she could champion the rights and concerns of fellow educators without being confined within the school



administration's walls. When Jennifer talks law, she doesn't just state the 'what'; she delves into the 'why', ensuring her clients don't just comply, but have processes and procedures in place going forward.

What sets Jennifer apart from the rest is not just her formidable legal capacity, but her attitude. With a blend of humor, empathy, and a knack for creative problem-solving, she is known to cut through the tensest of legal webs with ease. Her solutions are legally sound and tailored to the best interests of her clients, ensuring the long-term results are always kept in sight. Jennifer's approach is reminiscent of a trusted coach, guiding her clients with clarity, understanding, and an unwavering focus on rebuilding and strengthening the school-parent relationship.

## Experience Highlights

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- Handled two of the three appeals to the State Board of Education (SBE) of denied charter petitions since **AB1505** went into effect
- Supported clients in hundreds of Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings

## Involvement

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### Professional Affiliations

- Member, Sonoma County Women in Law
- Member, Sonoma County Bar Association

### Community Affiliations –

- Member, Soroptimist International – Windsor Chapter

## After School

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I'm an avid UNC Tarheels fan. If I'm not in front of the television watching our storied women's field hockey team or the 6-time National Champions men's basketball team (7-time counting 1924), you can find me out hiking throughout beautiful Northern California.

## Education

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- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ( )



## Admissions

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### Bar Admissions

- California
- Georgia

## Related Services

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- Special Education
- Student Rights & Discipline
- Title IX

## Related Clients

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- Charter Schools
- Public Education K-12