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MY SERVICES
Higher Education

EDUCATION
Baylor University School of Law, J.D., 2019
Texas Christian Academy, Bachelors in Communication, 2015

ADMISSIONS
Texas

I take a proactive approach to higher education law, ensuring clear solutions for educators and institutions.

overview

Leah Northener is a former charter school general counsel who excels at navigating the complicated world of education law and enabling clients to keep their focus on education. She has worked closely with academic and administrative teams on training, policy development, student issues, fiscal compliance, and more.

Leah does more than just tell you what the law is. She synthesizes it and makes it easier to understand for practical application by all levels of school personnel. Her hands-on approach eases legal stress and allows staff and administrators to keep the education of students at the forefront.

Leah prides herself on working closely with clients and responding quickly to provide a strong defense and prevent problems from growing larger. Her experiences as former in-house counsel and as the wife of a special education teacher provide her with a unique understanding of school processes, helping her to identify legal issues that may have gone unnoticed. Schools with and without in-house counsel call Leah to advise on, handle, and identify emergent legal issues and provide a careful but proactive assessment and response.

In addition to providing advice and counsel, Leah has represented independent school districts, charter schools, private schools, colleges, and universities in litigation and administrative matters involving employment disputes, Title IX sexual harassment, special education and more.

presentations

- **Presenter, "Navigating the Evolving Legal Landscape in Higher Education"**
Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Virtual Training (March 2025)

in my free time

I enjoy trying my hand at new recipes, particularly baked goods, and spending time with my husband and son.