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Shannon represents school district and intermediate unit clients in a variety of education law matters with a focus on special education. She provides hands-on guidance to clients before encountering litigation and regularly represents clients in due process hearings and federal appeals in matters involving:

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Pennsylvania School Code
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Tuition reimbursement
- Student discipline
- Inclusive education practices
- Therapeutic and residential placement

Shannon has also handled cases involving gifted education, testing accommodations, special needs trusts and estate planning, and guardianship petitions.

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Shannon was a litigation associate at an East Coast-based firm representing clients in professional and premises liability matters. She also previously worked as an associate for a firm focusing on education law.

While in law school, Shannon was a legal policy intern for the Temple University Institute on Disabilities, where she worked with local and federal legislators on issues affecting people with disabilities. She also worked as a legal intern for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit. Additionally, she served as mentoring chairperson for the Women's Law Caucus and as a Trial Advocacy teaching assistant. During college, Shannon studied abroad for a semester in Madrid, Spain.

Honors & Awards

- Named to the "Ones to Watch" list in Pennsylvania for Education Law by *Best Lawyers* (2021)

Practice Areas



- Labor & Employment
- Education

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Education

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2011)
- Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College (B.A., 2007)

Memberships

- Montgomery County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Board of Directors

- Best Buddies Pennsylvania