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Mark concentrates his practice in labor and employment issues confronting school entities in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As part of his labor practice, Mark is chief negotiator for a number of school districts involved in collective bargaining with their professional and support staff unions. Mark's practice also includes defending clients before the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the EEOC and in state and federal court.

Mark also serves as general counsel and solicitor for a number of school entities in Pennsylvania. In addition, as a member of the firm's Education Law Group, Mark's practice includes defending school districts and intermediate units in all phases of litigation, from state level administrative hearings to commonwealth and federal court proceedings, in matters pertaining to:

- IDEA
- Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Age Discrimination Employment Act (ADEA)

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers "Rising Star" list (2010-2011, 2013, 2015-2018)

Practice Areas

- Labor & Employment
- Education
- Charter Schools

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania



- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Education

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D., 2004)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.A., 2001)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bucks County Bar Association

Publications

2008

The Four Tops: Your Primary Responsibilities in Limiting Special Education Liability

Events

Mental Health and Students with Disabilities

May 10, 2019 at 7:30am – 3:50pm

Lehigh University

Hosted by: Lehigh University College of Education Special Education Law Conference

Employment Law 101 for Leaders

December 12, 2017 at 9:00am

Hosted by: Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

Transgender Issues in Public Education

May 19, 2016 at 10:00am

Webinar

Hosted by: PA Association of School Personnel Administrators

Emerging Transgender Policy Issues

October 29, 2015 at 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Hosted by: Fox Rothschild LLP

21st Annual LRP's Special Education School Attorneys Conference

January 28, 2015

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Hosted by: LRP

The Four Tops: Your Primary Responsibilities in Limiting Special Education Liability

January 26, 2012

West Philadelphia Achievement Charter Elementary School



Hosted by: Fox Rothschild LLP

Professional Staff Furlough Process

March 16, 2011

Hosted by: PASBO

Introduction to Special Education

October 15, 2010

Hosted by: Exceptional Children's Conference

Legal Pitfalls in the Hiring and Firing Process

October 7, 2010

Hosted by: Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

How Courts View an Independent Contractor Versus Regular Employee

October 1, 2010

Hosted by: PASBO

Harassment Issues in the Workplace

August 24, 2010

Hosted by: Montgomery County Intermediate Unit No. 23

Ethical Consideration in Representing Pennsylvania School Districts

May 9, 2010

Hosted by: Lehigh University Education Leadership Conference

Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Autism and Education Symposium

January 1, 2007

Hosted by: Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Autism and Education Symposium

Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Exceptional Children's Conference

January 1, 2006

Hosted by: Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Exceptional Children's Conference

News

January 14, 2019

Contract, Tax Talks Intersect in Upper Darby Schools

Daily Times

December 7, 2017

After Revisions and Tweaks, Saucon Valley Adopts Anti-Discrimination Policy

The Morning Call

May 5, 2016

Cities, Schools Say Transgender Restroom Use a Matter of Identity

Metro



May 10, 2015

Garnet Valley Teachers, Board Reach Tentative Deal

The Delaware County Daily Times

July 12, 2013

Law360 Names Attorneys Who Moved up the Firm Ranks in Q2

Law360

May 21, 2013

Fox Rothschild Elevates 6 to Partner

February 7, 2013

OJR Teachers Demand Contract

Reporter of the Spring-ford Area

July 5, 2011

School Board Appoints New Solicitor

Hellertown-Lower Saucon Patch

June 1, 2011

People

Pennsylvania Lawyer

April 8, 2011

Proposed Legislation to Aid Ailing Districts

Public Spirit

March 20, 2011

Opening the Door to Teacher Layoffs?

The Reporter

March 7, 2011

Teacher Layoffs Probable; New Way Proposed

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

March 2, 2011

Mark W. Fitzgerald of Fox Rothschild Speaks Before PA House Education Committee

July 31, 2007

Fox Rothschild's Montgomery County Office Continues its Growth