

SCHOOL LAW PRACTICE

Bond, Schoeneck & King's school law practice represents more than 65 school districts in 27 counties across New York State, from suburban to urban to rural communities. Our attorneys are intimately familiar with the challenges and opportunities facing these districts.

Ultimately, our role as school district legal counsel is help a district focus on its educational mission by clearing obstacles that might impede its efforts or threaten its resources, and to defend it aggressively and cost-effectively when issues cannot be resolved on reasonable terms.

Board of Education Support

We provide our school district clients with full Board of Education support (e.g., preparation of board policies and resolutions and legal notices; attendance at board meetings; review of board meeting agendas; and assistance with board elections, budget votes, propositions and contingency budgets).

Administration Support

Our attorneys provide guidance in all aspects of school district operations, including matters related to general education law, bonding and financing, construction and renovation, environmental issues, inservice training, labor and employment, purchasing and bidding, special education, student matters (including discipline) and tax certiorari. We also provide representation in administrative proceedings before the Commissioner of Education, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Office of Professional Discipline, Public Employment Relations Board and related court actions.

Keeping Current

At Bond, we believe it is our responsibility both to stay current with the evolving requirements of the law and to assist in achieving sound, practical results. Throughout the ever-changing COVID-19 crisis, for example, Bond has provided personal consultations to clients, as well as guidance on legal and practical issues arising from the pandemic via webinars, information memos and blog posts.

Proactive and Prepared

We take a proactive approach to counseling by familiarizing ourselves with the ways in which each district prefers to conduct and manage its legal affairs; streamlining our management style so as not to "overlawyer" any projects assigned to us; and offering competitive rates and customized billing arrangements.

We don't just know the law, we know you and your school district.

About Bond, Schoeneck & King

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC serves individuals, companies and public-sector entities in a broad range of areas.

With 250 lawyers and 11 offices, we represent clients in manufacturing; agribusiness; commercial lending and real estate development and construction; energy; health care and long term care as well as municipalities, school districts, higher education and other exempt and nonprofit organizations. We maintain eight offices across New York; and one each in Boston, Kansas City and Naples, Florida.

Bond is committed to understanding our clients' needs and providing comprehensive, practical, high-quality and responsive solutions. We strive to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards, and to provide leadership in community activities, pro-bono work and service to the Bar.

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