

**Education Law** considers the rights of students and teachers and the various laws that affect education in the United States. An education law attorney might handle any of the many legal issues that arise in an educational setting, including student and teacher rights, health and safety, school policy, records, discipline, curriculum, dispute resolution, professional conduct, training, special education, academic freedom, employment, discrimination, and personal injury. Education law is affected by local, state, and federal laws. Education law may deal with issues that arise in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Additionally, attorneys for schools and universities may encounter issues that arise with any organization, from property law to employment law to health law to tax law. Because education is regulated at the local, state, and federal levels, education lawyers must be familiar with many different levels of government and legal research.

For additional information on Education Law, see the [National School Board Association](#) or the [National Association of College and University Attorneys](#).

Job Type	Typical Duties
<p><b>Federal Agencies</b>  <a href="#">Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Education Resources</a>  <a href="#">Information Center (ERIC)</a>  <a href="#">Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)</a>  <a href="#">Federal Interagency Committee on Education</a>  <a href="#">Federal Student Aid Information Center</a>  <a href="#">Federal Student Aid</a>  <a href="#">Institute of Education Sciences</a>  <a href="#">Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)</a>  <a href="#">Rehabilitation Services Administration (Education Department)</a>  <a href="#">Office for Civil Rights</a>  <a href="#">Federal Jobs</a></p>	<p>Draft, analyze, and promulgate regulations about education.  Draft guidance letters for educational institutions.  Create policies about student financial aid or students with disabilities.  Investigate institutions accused of violating educational regulations.  Participate in education reform.  Uphold the civil rights of students.  Create policies about school safety and discipline.</p>
<p><b>FL State Agencies</b>  <a href="#">Florida Department of Education</a>  <a href="#">Florida State Jobs</a></p>	<p>Uphold the civil rights of students.  Participate in education reform.  Handle matters related to school safety and discipline.</p>
<p><b>Local Government</b>  <a href="#">Broward County Public Schools</a>  <a href="#">Miami-Dade County Public Schools</a>  <a href="#">School District of Palm Beach County</a></p>	<p>Assist in securing increased funding for schools.  Adopt rules, policies, and procedures for school boards.</p>

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<u>Private Law Firms</u>	Defend the rights of students. Repeal disciplinary actions. Ensure students receive the help and services they need.
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Student Organizations

[Public Interest Law Society](#)

Professional Organizations

[Education Law Association](#)

[Education Law Committee \(Florida Bar\)](#)

[National Association of College and University Attorneys](#)

[National Association of State Boards of Education \(National Council of State Education Attorneys\)](#)

[Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates](#)

[Florida Association of Special Education Attorneys](#)

Other Activities

[Broward County Public Schools \(BCPS\) Legislative Internship Program](#)

[Federal Department of Education Office of General Counsel Internship Program](#)

Obtain an internship with an attorney or firm that practices Education Law.

Obtain an internship with a school district or board of education.

Periodically check the [Symplicity Job Board](#) for opportunities in this area of law.

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