

Education Rights Attorney

CLE welcomes any attorney with an interest in helping to ensure that low-income students receive the high quality public education to which they are entitled. At this time we are especially interested in attorneys with an interest in providing direct representation to indigent students who are being denied their education as a result of in-school/out-of-school behavior that is criminalized and results in their being adjudicated as delinquents; unlawful and/or unreasonable disciplinary exclusions that violate due process; or the constructive exclusion of students through the failure to provide them with effective instruction; and/or students with emotional/behavioral disabilities being punished for behavior that is related to their disability. These attorneys can expect to gain experience in representing students at school based hearings challenging their exclusion and denial of education before principals and through subsequent appeals to school superintendents, in more formal administrative due process hearings before the State's Bureau of Special Education Appeals, and in judicial actions state and federal court, as appropriate.

CLE is also pursuing systemic non-compliance complaints based on Title I/No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act before the MA Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education, and based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act with the Office of Civil Rights, US Dept. of ED.

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