

## AUDIT OF OPERATIONS AND PRACTICES

We help you improve operations and reduce the risk of litigation.



*For school boards frustrated with settlement agreements or dealing with a significant amount of litigation, a comprehensive audit can help.*

Sometimes, the operations and practices embedded in a district's approach to special education and pupil services can leave schools especially vulnerable to litigation. By addressing those issues, we can help reduce the risk of exposure to potential litigation and, if it does occur, more effectively defend against it. That's the focus of our Audit of Operations and Practices team, which does a deep dive into your district's litigation history, policies and practices, and identifies areas of strength, as well as those that need adjustment.

We pride ourselves in being a preeminent authority on pupil services and special education law in Pennsylvania and use that depth of knowledge to identify issues that need to be addressed, including those pertaining to special education.

The audit team offers recommendations for programming, training, resource development, job descriptions, and hiring of additional professional and clerical staff. Most importantly, the audit report and its contents will be confidential and protected by attorney-client privilege for the beneficial use of authorized persons only within your district.

### OUR SERVICES

- Review special education due process hearings, complaints, decisions, letters, and settlements, comparing with similar districts.
- Examine standardized test data, child study manuals, support protocols, discipline procedures, counseling services, and more for all school levels.
- Investigate student files, including evaluations, Section 504 agreements, and Gifted IEPs.
- Conduct structured interviews with relevant individuals to identify areas for improvement and effective internal procedures, involving various stakeholders.
- Develop procedures for child study teams, support systems, document development, training, and district-specific focus areas.

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