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Andrea Lynne Cola focuses her work on matters involving civil rights, special education and student services. Her consideration for the issues that the firm's school entity clients face each day is influenced by a professional background that includes not only work within a school district, but also on behalf of students and children.

Prior to joining the firm, she worked as an attorney for the School District of Philadelphia in its Special Education Unit. There, she managed a high volume of claims and complaints against the district, negotiating settlements when able, and appearing in litigation venues when necessary. She also counselled district personnel on day-to-day legal issues in schools and provided professional development training to staff.

Prior to her work with the School District of Philadelphia, she worked for the Defender Association of Philadelphia. There, she worked to enforce the rights and needs of children in matters involving abuse, dependency/parental rights, education conflicts/issues, and ongoing support. While attending law school, she was awarded the Suffolk University Juvenile Justice Fellowship, and achieved honors in the Juvenile Justice Clinic.

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)

Northeastern University (B.S., *cum laude*)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Civil Rights Defense

Special Education

Student Services

MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association

LATEST NEWS

Sweet Stevens Secures Victory for Local School District in Special Education Hearing, 10/29/24

Sweet Stevens Attorneys to Speak at Pennsylvania Bar School Law Update, 11/13/23

Sweet Stevens Attorneys Present at National CASE Conference, 11/3/23

Cola, Schmitt to Present at PA Special Education Leadership Symposium, 9/5/23

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