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Rebekah Van Der Werf focuses her practice on education law with an emphasis on special education. She has a wealth of valuable courtroom experience and a strong foundation in advocacy developed through her prior work in the criminal justice system.

Before joining the firm, Rebekah served as an assistant district attorney in Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the Drugs and Firearms Crimes unit. In that role, she investigated, presented, and negotiated a wide range of criminal cases, handling matters from pre-charging through post-disposition. She collaborated closely with law enforcement, tried numerous cases before both judges and juries, and oversaw the county's Veterans Treatment Court, ensuring its compliance with state standards. Her experience working directly with victims and mentoring junior attorneys helped her develop the communication, problem-solving, and organizational skills that now serve her well in representing school clients.

Rebekah also gained early legal experience as a certified legal intern with both the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and the Temple University Family Law Clinic. These positions allowed her to refine her litigation skills, engage in client advocacy, and gain exposure to sensitive issues involving families and children -- an experience that informs her practice in special education law.

### EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D.)  
Liberty University (B.S.)

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Special Education

### BAR ADMISSIONS

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