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In addition to providing high-quality legal advice and representation, I am committed to building strong working relationships with each of my clients.



Christine M. (O'Brien) Gordon joined Timoney Knox as an associate in May 2011. She focuses her practice on school and special education law, and civil rights litigation. She regularly counsels families of children with disabilities on issues arising under various state and federal laws and regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Ms. Gordon has represented families and children at IEP meetings, disciplinary hearings, and administrative due process hearings, and has extensive experience performing appellate work in special education matters in federal courts. She currently works to help students in securing appropriate educational programs and services, as well as in obtaining compensatory education, school placements, tuition reimbursement, and other available remedies. She also has experience in matters involving school bullying, harassment, hazing, transgender rights and sexual and/or physical abuse. She is a speaker on issues related to special education and other student matters.

Ms. Gordon earned her law degree from Villanova University in 2008. While in law school, she was selected to write for the Villanova Environmental Law Journal, was a board member for a national legal fraternity focused on ethics within the legal profession, and volunteered her time providing pro bono legal work through various programs offered through the law school. She also served as a student volunteer at the Special Olympics event on campus.

Ms. Gordon received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Emory University in 2005. She has had a lifelong interest in the rights of children in school and supporting children with special needs. While attending Emory, she worked for a child psychologist, assisting in the preparation of neuropsychological evaluation reports, and also worked as a private tutor of students with special needs. She was on the Dean's List and was selected by the faculty for academic recognition in the Psi Chi National Honor Society, the Mortar Board Senior National Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Areas of Practice

- Students' Rights
- Special Education Law
- Commercial and Civil Litigation

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2008
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2011
- United States Court of Federal Claims, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2017
- New Jersey, 2019

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Emory University, B.A., 2005

She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Montgomery County Bar Associations and was selected for and completed the Montgomery County Bar Association's prestigious Leadership Academy. She is a former Trustee on the Board of Trustees for Northern Children's Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing behavioral and mental health services to at-risk children and their families, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the York Hospital Auxiliary. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to families caring for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and injuries.

A Bucks County native and graduate of Villa Joseph Marie High School, she currently resides in Ivyland, Pennsylvania with her husband Kyle, their two daughters, Maisyn and Shea, and their pit bull, Ollie.

Published Works

- Case Note: Franz v. Franz, PBA/Pennsylvania Family Lawyer, Vol. 31, 3, 2009

Classes/Seminars Taught

- Basics of Child and Spousal Support Seminar, 2009
- "Legally Defensible IEPs" - October 4, 2013
- "Social Skills and Compliance Under the IDEA" - April 4, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - June 23, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - June 24, 2014
- "School Law Workshop" - August 26, 2014
- "School Law Workshop" - August 26, 2015
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - March 24, 2016