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# Scott H. Wolpert

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- Areas of Practice
- Consumer Protection
- Education Law
- Special Education Law
- Students' Rights

#### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1991
- New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1995
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1999
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2011
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015

#### Education

- University of Richmond, The T.C. Williams School of Law, Richmond, Virginia, J.D., 1991
- Ursinus College, B.A., Political Science, Dean's List, 1988

### Bio

Scott H. Wolpert has been with Timoney Knox since 1992 and was elected Managing Partner of the firm effective July 1, 2018. His practice focuses in the areas of special education and school law, students' rights, and employment law. He regularly handles special education administrative hearings and civil litigation in state and federal court and has extensive experience in handling legal issues involving students and schools, including claims related to special education, bullying, harassment, sexual abuse, physical abuse, compliance with federal or state laws which protect students, and discrimination occurring in schools. He is a frequent speaker in his areas of practice.

He holds a degree in political science from Ursinus College, where he was a Dean's List student and received the Trucksess Prize for the study of law. Scott earned his law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Active in many civic and charitable organizations, Scott served as a mock trial coach through the Pennsylvania Bar Association between 1997 and 2009 and 2019 to the present. He is a past president of the LaSalle College High School Alumni Association and is a past member of the Board of Advisors of the Norwood-Fontbonne Academy. Scott currently serves on the Board of Directors of Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Pennsylvania, a non-profit organization that provides care management for persons with disabilities. Scott also currently serves on the Maxwell Football Club's Board of Directors and he was a Division 1 NCAA football official between 2011 – 2018.

## Professional

## Associations

- Montgomery Bar Association
  Education Law Committee, Chair, 2017, 2018
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials – Director, 2019-2021

### Community

Involvement

- Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Pennsylvania, Board of Directors, 2017 – Present
- Maxwell Football Club, Board of Directors
- NCAA Division 1 Football Official, 2011 – 2018
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Mock Trial Competition Coach, 1997 – 2009, 2019 – Current
- Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, Board of Advisors, 2006 – 2008
- LaSalle High School Alumni, Board of Directors, 1997 – 2005
- LaSalle High School Alumni Board of Directors, President, 2003 – 2004

Before joining Timoney Knox, Scott was a law clerk for The Honorable Bernard A. Moore in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.

### **Representative Matters**

• Successfully litigated a claim against a Montgomery County School District in 2018 and when a hearing officer awarded parents substantial compensatory education and private school tuition reimbursement

- Represented a class of over 100 employees in a federal class action seeking wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act that resulted in a \$4.1 million dollar settlement to class members on the eve of trial
- Represented a certified class of 539,000 sports officials and event workers in a data breach case filed in Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and subject to a substantial court approved settlement in favor of the Class.
- Conducted investigations of bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools
- Successfully litigated and argued a precedent-setting case nationally regarding the applicability of a statute of limitations to a civil rights claim in the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- Successfully handled sexual harassment litigation on behalf of a female employee against a national apparel company which resulted in a substantial settlement prior to trial
- Conducted an extensive internal investigation of an existing public school employee's claim of discriminatory treatment in the workplace
- Successfully pursued a claim on behalf of a female executive of a national corporation who was sexually harassed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer
- Successfully litigated due process complaints at hearing, resulting in substantial settlements and/or awards
- Successfully litigated and reached a substantial settlement of a personal injury claim on behalf of an electrical contractor employee who suffered severe injuries in a forklift accident at a job site.

## Classes/Seminars Taught

• "The Room Where It Happened": Attorney Participation in Mediation and IEP Meetings, Exceptional Children Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, October 14, 2022

- School Law Update Private School, August 31, 2022
- "IEP Training Series for Parents: NOREPs and Prior Written Notice" ARC of Philadelphia, March 15, 2022
- "Tuition Reimbursement Claims and Issues for Private Schools," Presented through The Center School to Various Private School Administrators, February 10, 2022
- "Issues Related to Contractual Agreements with School Districts and Charter Schools & Due Process Hearings – ABA Support Services, January 5, 2022
- "Understanding Your Childs Educational Records" Arc of Philadelphia, October 26, 2021
- "School Law Update," Private School, August 30, 2021
- "Special Education Compliance for Teachers" Kutztown University, April 1, 2021
- "Due Process Litigation Strategy," Exceptional Children Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, October 25, 2019
- "IEP and 504 Legal Workshop," National Business Institute (NBI) in Reading PA – April 25, 2019
- "The Intersection Between Child Custody and School Law," Montgomery Bar Association – October 29, 2018
- "School Law & Compliance Update," Private School August 23, 2018
- "Special Education Rights: What Parents Should Know", Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA, – April 30 2018
- "School Law Update," Private School August 30, 2017
- "IEPs and 504 Plans: A Legal Compliance Guide," National Business Institute December 5-6, 2016
- "Due Process Hearings: How to Pump Up Your Preparations," Pennsylvania Bar Institute – July 21, 2016
- "Advanced Issues That Arise During a Due Process Hearing," Exceptional Children Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 26, 2015
- "School Law Update" August 2015
- "Special Education Due Process Litigation," Pennsylvania Bar Institute – March 10, 2015
- "Introduction to Special Education," Pennsylvania Bar Institute - March 10, 2015
- "School Safety," National Business Institute December 8, 2014
- "School Law Workshop" August 26, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" June 24, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" June 23, 2014

• "The Wish List of Parents and Schools: What Each Wants The Other To Know," Lehigh University 42nd Annual Special Education Law Conference – May 9, 2014

• "Social Skills and Compliance Under the IDEA" – April 4, 2014

• "Special Education Laws Made Simple ," National Business Institute – December 6, 2013

- "Legally Defensible IEPs" October 4, 2013
- "Employee Performance Evaluations," School Law Workshop August 29, 2012

• "Meaningful Educational Benefit Under the IDEA," Lehigh University 40th Annual Special Education Law Conference – May, 2012

• "Special Education Due Process Practice and Procedures," National Business Institute – October 26, 2011

• "Case Law Driven IEPs," Lehigh University 39th Annual Special Education Law Conference– May 13, 2011

• "Legally Defensible IEPs," – January 24, 2011

• "Proper Documentation in Special Education" – November 17, 2010

• "Technology and Ethics in the Schools," Penn State Great Valley – Act 48 Credit Seminar For Educators– November 11, 2010

• "Special Education Settlement Agreements," Exceptional Children's Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 15, 2010

• "Legal Issues Related To Therapeutic Support Workers," Lehigh University 38th Annual Special Education Law Conference – May 14, 2010

• "Special Education Gifted Education Under Pennsylvania Law," Exceptional Children's Conference, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – October 23, 2009

- "Section 504/Chapter 15 Compliance" August 26, 2009
- "Successfully Handling Student Discipline" August 18, 2009
- "Best Practices In IEP Drafting" August 28, 2008

• "Special Education Settlement Agreements," West Legal Education – June 25, 2008

• "Special Education Settlement Agreements," National Business Institute – February 28, 2008

• "Successful IEP Implementation By Charter Schools" – November 9, 2007

• "School Law Update – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act" – August 30, 2007

• "School District Compliance Under The Fair Labor Standards Act," National Business Institute – November 16, 2006

• "Least Restrictive Environment and The Impact of Gaskins," School District – August 22, 2006 • "Least Restrictive Environment Legal Compliance," Pennsylvania Bar Institute – July 25, 2006

• "Maintaining An Ethical Balance – Special Education," National Business Institute – July 24, 2006

• "Ensuring Successful Due Process Procedures," National Business Institute – July 24, 2006

• "No Child Left Behind Act — The Bottom Line," National Business Institute – March 27, 2006

"Avoidance of Special Education Claims" – May 11, 2006

• "FERPA Compliance – Handling Students' Records," National Business Institute – March 27, 2006

• "School Law Update" – February 17, 2006

• "Successfully Handling Discipline for Special Needs Students," National Business Institute – December 5, 2005

• "New Developments In Special Education Law: Impact Of Individuals With Disabilities Educational Improvement Act of 2004," National Business Institute – May 13, 2005

• "Special Education In Your Classroom – Applying the Law to Real Life," National Business Institute – February 5, 2005

• "Pennsylvania Special Education Law," National Business Institute – December 16, 2004

• "Hot Topics In Managing And Avoiding School Liability In Pennsylvania," National Business Institute – October 14, 2004

 "Making Use Of The Rules Of Civil Procedure And Other Effective Techniques And Strategies In Defending Discovery and Trial Depositions," Montgomery County Bar Association – October 1, 2004

• "A Primer On The Fair Labor Standards Act, The New Department Of Labor Regulations & Effective Payroll Practices," Pennsylvania School Board Association – June 26, 2004

• "Employment Law Update 2004," Independence Chapter, Association of Legal Administrators – June 11, 2004

• "Liability Avoidance For Employers," Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – May, 2000

• "Employee Handbooks," Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – November, 1999

• "Use Of Expert Testimony In Employment Cases," Montgomery County Bar Association – 1996 CONTACT US

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