

McLane Middleton's education law practice group represents a large number of independent schools and colleges in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and provides consultation and training services to schools and school associations throughout New England, the nation, and internationally.

McLane Middleton offers multidisciplinary depth and knowledge in all facets of education law. The group has extensive experience investigating and supervising cases involving sexual assault and harassment, stalking, boundary violating behavior, reporting and compliance obligations under child protection and school safety laws, new disclosures of past sexual abuse, Title IX violations, and computer-related conduct of a sexual nature. In addition, the firm handles employment investigations into allegations of discrimination, harassment and other forms of employee misconduct such as embezzlement and theft. Attorneys in the group are drawn from a wide range of legal areas, including a former attorney general, employment, information technology and data forensics, school counseling on risk management, and reporting and disclosure obligations. We have experience in conducting trauma-informed interviews and coordinating support services for all parties during investigations.

We understand the quality of our education clients' investigations will enhance their efforts to provide a safe and supportive environment and can reduce the expenses of litigation and reputational harm posed by inadequate responses to allegations of harassment, discrimination, sexual and other misconduct.

Our investigations team is supported by the broad spectrum of services we provide to our education clients, including: Risk Management and Counseling; Trainings; Student Issues; Crisis Response; Employment; Litigation; and Criminal.

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Linda S. Johnson, director, chair of the Education Law Group
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Linda focuses her practice on understanding and serving the needs of K-12 independent schools. She serves as outside legal counsel and a consultant to many of the country's top independent day and boarding schools. She advises her clients on all aspects of school operations including employment law, student discipline, contracts, fiduciary and tort law, leadership development, investigations, compliance audits, risk management, crisis response, and student safety.

Linda consults with schools on both prevention and response to all types of educator misconduct and student on student sexual assaults. She is nationally recognized as an authority on student and campus safety issues, boundary awareness, risk avoidance, crisis response, employment law and independent school law issues.

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Brian focuses his practice on understanding and serving the needs of independent day and boarding schools, colleges and universities, and early child care programs. Brian partners with many of the country's leading independent schools to provide comprehensive advice on all aspects of school operations, including establishing new schools, student and parent issues, employment matters, school governance and leadership, and general risk management.



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Susan finds solutions to legal questions and challenges faced by independent schools and other employers. She both manages and conducts investigations when serious misconduct is alleged. Grounded in thorough legal analysis, she offers practical advice and responsiveness. With a background as a social worker and a trustee of non-profit organizations herself, Susan approaches client challenges in a holistic and detail-oriented manner.



David Wolowitz, director,
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David advises independent schools nationwide and internationally on all aspects of risk prevention and crisis response, with a focus on promoting healthy relationships through the management and oversight of a healthy school culture. David's groundbreaking emphasis on maintaining healthy boundaries in teacher-student relationships has become standard practice in schools. David is an experienced investigator, who currently advise schools on how to conduct investigations and oversees school investigations conducted by outside investigators.



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Mike served as Attorney General of New Hampshire from 2009 to 2013. He supervised major investigations and governmental inquiries of institutions during his prior career in public service. Mike represents secondary and higher education clients with investigations, risk management counseling, compliance work, and crisis communications. He has received many recognitions for his leadership in the areas of sexual violence and child abuse prevention. He oversaw NH's protocols for responses to adult and child sexual abuse, and he directly supervised the state's program counseling services and advocacy for victims of sexual violence.

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Adam is a director in McLane Middleton's Litigation Department and vice chair of the firm's Employment Law Practice Group. Adam regularly assists clients on a variety of commercial and employment litigation matters, including claims of wrongful termination, discrimination, and violations of restrictive covenants.



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Combining his business, technology and employment interests, Cameron has developed a depth and breadth of experience in cyber security. His résumé includes managing numerous privacy and security audits, preparing and implementing written policies, training executives, managers, and employees, negotiating and implementing data protection agreements with vendors, addressing a wide variety of day-to-day privacy and security issues, and investigating and remediating many security incidents and breaches.

If you are interested in crisis response, legal consulting, investigation services related to sexual misconduct involving students or employees, or addressing claims of discrimination, harassment or other employee misconduct, please contact one of the attorneys above. Alternatively, you can contact Co-Chairs Linda Johnson or David Wolowitz, or Vice-Chair Susan Schorr, and they will be happy to connect you with the best attorney for your needs.

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