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Taylor developed her passion for education as a special education teacher prior to attending law school. Taylor's classroom experiences taught her the important role that successful advocacy and an understanding of the law play in creating a strong education system.

Taylor is an associate in the Dallas office of Thompson & Horton LLP. She primarily represents public school districts, charter schools, independent schools, and public and private colleges and universities on a broad range of issues, including special education, state and federal litigation, labor and employment issues, and Title IX. She also provides trainings and presentation on a wide range of school law issues to clients, as well as at local, regional, and national conferences.

Prior to attending law school at the SMU Dedman School of Law, Taylor participated in Teach for America in the Greater New Orleans area, where she helped build the special education department at a brand new, high-performing charter school..

REPRESENTATIVE SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

"It's Quittin' Time: A Discussion of the Great Resignation and Its Impact on Special Education", TCASE Great Ideas, February 2023

"My Way or the Highway: Addressing Parent Requests In and Out of ARD Meetings", TCASE Interactive 2023

"Health Services under the IDEA: Diagnosing the Problem", TCASE Great Ideas February 2020

"ARD Do's and Don't's: Duly Constituted ARDs, ARD Etiquette, and Compliant IEPs"

"Demonstrating FAPE with Effective Implementation and Documentation"

"Dealing with Challenging Behaviors, FBAs/BIPs, Removals, and the MDR Process"

"ABCs of Prior Written Notice"

"Dealing with Students with Disabilities in Private Schools"

"Reasonable Accommodations: What's Required under the Americans with Disabilities Act"

"LGBTQ Student and Employee Issues in the Biden Administration"

"HR Workshop: Successful Hiring and Recruitment Steps"

"HR Workshop: Discipline and Discharge"

PRACTICE AREAS

Constitutional Law
Employment Law
General Counsel / Board Counsel
Government Relations & Public Policy
Higher Education
Litigation
Special Education & Disability Law
Special Investigations
Student Issues
Title IX & Sexual Harassment
Training & Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University
Dedman School of Law, 2019

B.A., *cum laude*, University of Richmond, 2013

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

Licensed in the state of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

State Bar of Texas, School Law Section

Texas Association of School Boards – Council of School Attorneys

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Texas Bar College

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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Beginning in 2017, provided condemnation due diligence support services on TXDOT projects for TXDOT Project Management firms.

Currently representing multiple school districts, including large urban school districts, related to land acquisition and construction matters in furtherance of their current capital improvement and bond programs.