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Many of Amber's immediate and extended family have dedicated their careers to education over the last 50 years. While Amber did not take the path to become an educator, shortly into her legal career she realized her calling was to support public education as a lawyer.

Amber represents and counsels public school districts, colleges, and universities concerning all areas of education and government law including governance, labor and employment matters, special education law, student discipline concerns, employee grievances and terminations, contracts and service agreements, governmental immunity, state and federal agency complaints, civil rights matters, and state and federal litigation.

For the past six and a half years, Amber served as General Counsel for Lake Travis Independent School District in the Austin area. During her time as General Counsel, she worked closely with and advised district and campus administration on all areas of school law. Amber also served as counsel to the board of trustees. Her experience as General Counsel brings with it a true understanding and appreciation of the day-to-day operations and functions of a school district.

Amber worked as an associate for Thompson & Horton's Houston office from 2012 to 2015 representing school districts across the state, before taking the position as General Counsel of Lake Travis. She then made her way back to Thompson & Horton in 2022. Early in her career, Amber served as a briefing attorney for the Honorable John S. Anderson on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, and worked at a small litigation boutique where she assisted in the representation of governmental entities. In law school, Amber was a member and articles editor of the Texas Tech Law Review.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS, TRAININGS, & SPEECHES

Ed311 & TCASE: The Spring Conference on Special Education Law, April 2023, "Staff Shortages: Legal Ramifications of Providing Certain Services"

TCASE Great Ideas, February 2023, "The School Nurse's Role in Supporting Students with Disabilities"

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

TASBO/TCASE Synergy Conference, November 2022, "Mission Possible: Creatively Navigating This Brave New World"

Thompson & Horton Webinar, November 2022, "Balancing Act: How to Maintain a Safe School and Protect Privacy Rights While Conducting Searches"

Thompson & Horton Webinar, October 2022, "More than Band-Aids, Bumps, and Bruises: The School Law First Aid Kit for School Nurses"

LTISD Professional Development Conference, February 2022, "Educators and Social Media"

TASBO Records Academy, May 2021, "Establishing a System for Handling Responses to Public Information Requests"

LTISD All Employee Training, August 2020, "A School Employee's Responsibilities Under Title IX"

PRACTICE AREAS

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

EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*, Texas Tech University
School of Law, 2007

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Oklahoma State
University, 2004

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

Licensed in the state of Texas

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

State Bar of Texas, School Law Section

Texas Association of School Boards — Council
of School Attorneys

Texas Association of School Business Officers

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REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS, TRAININGS, & SPEECHES (CONTINUED)

TASA Midwinter Conference, January 2020, “Bullying Battles: Helping Administrators Investigate and Respond to Bullying Complaints Involving Students with Disabilities”

TASA/TASB Convention, September 2019, “Bullying Battles: Investigating and Responding to Bullying Complaints Involving Students in Special Education”

TASBO Records Academy, April 2019, Establishing a System for Handling Responses to Public Information Requests

TASA/TASB Convention, September 2018, “What School Boards Need to Know About Special Education Law”

TASBO/TCASE Synergy Conference, August 2018, “Clear as Mud: Dispelling the Myths of Special Ed Finance in the Shadow of TEA Strategic Plan and State Fiscal Unrest”

30th Advanced Government Law, July 2018, “School Law Update (2018): The Status of Special Education in Texas”

Advanced Government Law Conference, July 2017, Panel Member Discussing “Advising Clients Amidst Uncertainty – A Transgender Issue Update”

LTISD Professional Development Conference, February 2017, “Family Law 101: Navigating the Difficult Waters of Parents’ Rights”

37th Annual LRP’s National Institute of Legal Issues on Educating Individuals with Disabilities, April 2016, “Delivering FAPE in the LRE”

36th Annual LRP’s National Institute of Legal Issues on Educating Individuals with Disabilities, April 2015, “Rights and Responsibilities under FERPA”