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Profile

Kirsten brings more than 25 years of firsthand experience to her charter, district and nonpublic school clients. She counsels charter and private school leaders and boards of trustees, as well as district superintendents and boards of education, and has extensive school law practice experience including:

- Private and parochial school law
- Charter school law
- Special education
- Board governance and oversight
- Student-related issues
- Charter renewals and school improvement
- Mergers and turnaround
- Regulatory compliance
- Opening and closing charter and nonpublic schools
- Education policy
- Strategic planning and implementation
- Crisis management
- Project management

Kirsten started her legal career as a law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She served as the Senior Program Officer for a private charitable foundation where she developed and executed multi-year strategic initiatives focused on increasing access to high quality education, particularly for low-income students, students of color and students with disabilities, through investments and project management across charter and district sectors, colleges and universities, and external partners. Kirsten also served as the lead education researcher and consultant at the Center for Governmental Research, and has experience developing operating systems for new charter schools. She has held key positions in the Rochester City School District as Assistant Counsel, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, and Chief of Student Support Services.

Representative Presentations

- "Charter-ing Legal Waters: Navigating Legal Issues in Public Schools," New York State Charter Schools Association, October 23-24, 2024

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D. cum laude)
- New York University School of Law (Visiting Student)
- State University of New York at Brockport (B.S.)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- School Law