



October 16, 2023
 Kalahari Resorts & Conventions
 in the Poconos
 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Peter C. Amuso, Esq., Rudolph Clarke, Blue Bell, PA

Peter C. Amuso concentrates his practice on education law and zoning matters, as well as handling the firm's criminal defense matters.

Peter began his law career in the military. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1997, Peter served overseas as an active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for four years. In 2002 he returned home to Pennsylvania and joined a large Philadelphia law firm, where he handled litigation at every level from Pennsylvania state trial courts, the federal district courts in Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Peter then managed zoning and land-use litigation for a major developer throughout eastern Pennsylvania and across the country.

Peter is especially passionate about school labor law. He recently won the first case in front of the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education interpreting the Pennsylvania Public School Code on the quality of transportation a school district must provide to the students of a charter school.

Peter is a frequent speaker for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, addressing issues ranging from labor negotiations to legal ethics. He is an active member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Bucks County Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association.



Elizabeth H. Blass, Esq., Wisler Pearlstine, Blue Bell, PA

Elizabeth H. Blass is an associate in Wisler Pearlstine's Education Law practice group. She is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

She began her career as a high school special education teacher in the School District of Philadelphia, where she taught students with learning and emotional disabilities, drafted and implemented individualized education plans, and designed schoolwide trainings on best practices in special education.

Prior to joining Wisler Pearlstine, Elizabeth worked as a deputy city solicitor in the City of Philadelphia Law Department. In that capacity, she represented the Department of Human Services in hundreds of hearings and trials related to dependency issues such as child abuse, neglect and truancy.

Elizabeth received her law degree in 2016 from Boston College Law School. She earned her master's degree in Secondary and Special Education from Chestnut Hill College in 2013, and her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 2010.



Amy T. Brooks, Esq., Wisler Pearlstine, Blue Bell, PA

Amy T. Brooks, Wisler Pearlstine's administrative partner, is a member of the Education Law practice group. Her practice focuses on advising school administrators regarding legal issues in general school law, student services and special education.

She is widely regarded as possessing an exceptional knowledge of Pennsylvania school and special education law, having attended hundreds of Section 504 and individualized education plan meetings on behalf of school districts and charter school clients.

In the courtroom, Amy routinely litigates for school clients in administrative and local agency proceedings up through the appeals process. She advises schools regarding sexual harassment and gender equity involving Title IX, bullying and harassment investigations under Pennsylvania's Anti-Bullying Law, student records and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), issues of risk management, matters of child abuse and reporting under the Child Protective Services Law, and homelessness under the McKinney Vento Act.

Amy is a former teacher and collegiate coach and is a graduate of Haverford College and Temple University Beasley School of Law. She serves on the Board of Managers of Haverford College in addition to heading the Haverford College Corporation. She also serves as president-elect for the Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association and is a member of the Pennsylvania and Montgomery Bar Associations.



Dr. Leigh E. Dalton, Esq., Stock and Leader, York, PA

Dr. Leigh E. Dalton is a member of Stock and Leader's School Law group, concentrating her practice in all areas of public education, including special education, student/pupil services, compliance monitoring and student discipline. In March 2021, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education selected her as a peer reviewer to evaluate and read discretionary grant program applications.

Leigh returned to Stock and Leader after serving as the director of legal services for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and acting as the chief of Special Education Monitoring and Accountability Section at the Maryland State Department of Education. Prior to joining Stock and Leader, Leigh served as the director of the York County Truancy Prevention Initiative, a program of the United Way of York County, in partnership with the

York County Bar Foundation. In that role, she provided training and education on truancy to audiences across the state.

Additionally, Leigh was influential in overseeing the implementation and expansion of the York County Youth Court Alliance in three York County school districts.

Leigh holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 2008, she received her juris doctorate after graduating *cum laude* from the University of Baltimore School of Law. In 2015, she earned her Ph.D. in education policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



Michael I. Levin, Esq., PSBA General Counsel, Levin Legal Group, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Michael I. Levin formed his firm in 1994 after 14 years as a partner and five years as an associate with Cleckner and Fearen. He believes in a hands-on approach to the practice of the law and closely monitors the activities of the personnel in the firm.

Mike has authored and edited four books: *Pennsylvania School Personnel Actions*; *United States School Law and Rules*; *Municipal Liability in Pennsylvania* and *Pennsylvania School Laws and Rules*. He has authored the chapter on *Schools, Colleges and Universities* in West's Legal Forms encyclopedia. He is a frequent lecturer at statewide and national seminars. He has been quoted in such national publications as *U.S. News and World Report* and the *National Review*.

He has assumed positions of leadership in professional associations, having served on the Board of Directors of the National Council of School Attorneys and moving through the chairs of the Education Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Mike has been named a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer* in the Schools & Education practice area by the publishers of *Philadelphia* magazine, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *Law & Politics*, in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.



Jeffrey D. Litts, Esq., Saxton & Stump, Lancaster, PA

Jeffrey D. Litts is the chair of the Saxton & Stump's Education group and a member of the Commercial Litigation and Labor and Employment groups. Jeff counsels and defends public school entities in the areas of civil rights, charter schools, collective bargaining, employee and student discipline, policy development, construction, and other education law issues.

He regularly represents both public and private sector clients before state and federal courts, arbitrators and administrative agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Charter School Appeal Board.

Before moving into private practice, Jeff was the deputy chief counsel for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and an attorney in the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. He was the editor of the *Pennsylvania School Law Handbook* for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association in 2001, and a contributing editor for the 2006, 2012 and 2018 editions.



David M. Walker, Esq., Stock and Leader, York, PA

David M. Walker is a member of the Stock and Leader's School Law Group, concentrating his practice in all areas of public education, including labor and employment issues, school business, construction, contracts, and pupil services matters.

David has significant experience handling complex school business and labor matters. With a degree in special education and previous teaching experience, David has a unique understanding of student issues, labor and employment obstacles, and the day-to-day challenges facing our administrators and boards of school directors.

He regularly presents at conferences, including the National School Boards Association, the Council of School of Attorneys and the LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities. David also

routinely presents on new and emerging issues to school administrators, including school business officials, human resources directors and special education faculty.

David currently serves on the board of directors of Leadership Lancaster and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. He earned his undergraduate degree from West Chester University and his juris doctorate from Widener University School of Law.