D. Scott Bennett

Capturing a vision

Mr. Bennett has represented school boards, other local governments, police officers, and private employers for almost 30 years. After practicing in a regional litigation firm for most of his career, Mr. Bennett concluded that clients need, and deserve, a more personal connection with their attorneys. Ms. DeCamp and he have built Bennett & DeCamp around the purpose of providing high quality, personally focused legal representation to value conscious community leaders and businesses.

Education law

Mr. Bennett focuses heavily on the needs of local school systems, their employees, and students. His practice includes every aspect of this diverse area, including employment, discrimination and equity issues, contracts and vendor relations, policy development, student discipline, bullying and harassment, risk management, first amendment issues, tort claims, governance issues, internal investigations, and the like.

Special education

Of course, special education is an aspect of education law. It is so technical, however, that it merits its own emphasis. Mr. Bennett supports local school systems and their teachers with IDEA issues and Section 504/Title II compliance. He regularly attends IEP team and 504 committee meetings to help educators and parents understand and address the rights of students to a free, appropriate public education. And if it ever becomes necessary to go to due process, Mr. Bennett understands that everyone is actually on the same side -- the side of the child.

Employment and civil rights

Mr. Bennett's representation of school boards and other local governments actually grew out of his employment and civil rights practice. He is experienced with state and federal employment laws including the ADA, ADEA, FLSA, THRA, retaliation, Title VII, workplace harassment, and wrongful discharge. He also handles alleged constitutional violations brought under 42 USC 1983.

Training and staff development

As part of the Firm's effort to be invested in the operations of its clients, Mr. Bennett devotes several weeks a year to in-service training and staff development. Building upon more than 20 years' experience as a litigator, he coaches clients on best practices, risk management, and legal compliance.

Professional credentials

- Wake Forest University, B.A., 1989 (magna cum laude); Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Mortar Board
- Wake Forest University, M.B.A., 1993 (Babcock scholar);
- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., 1993 (Carswell scholar)

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