Education and Charter Schools

Black Lives Matter. We are proud to support school leaders on the front lines of social justice and change.

Growing out of extensive work for public schools, including school districts and universities, we have developed a deep understanding of charter and private schools and other innovations in education. We understand that charter schools are not only part of the fastest-growing component of our public education system, but are also businesses that must achieve their operational and educational objectives in a cost-effective manner.

If you view charter or private schools as opportunities to improve public education, we are aligned with you. We want to help you make a positive difference. Our attorneys have a genuine passion for charter and private schools and their approach to education - flexible, tailored, dynamic, often inspiring. We actively participate in charter school legal advocacy organizations, both at the state and national levels, and we stay ahead of the curve by constantly monitoring the broader policy areas that impact charter school and other non-public school legislation. We are on top of emerging trends and work to positively influence policy and regulatory matters.

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Our Services

Our experience in charter school, public education and nonprofit corporation law is unrivaled. We offer all the benefits of a full-service law firm with knowledge of the particular needs and nuances of charter schools, including:

- Facilities Development and Public Financing
- Petitions, Renewals and Appeals
- Entity Formation and Tax Exemption
- Governance
- Litigation
- Legislative Advocacy
Public Agencies and Charter Schools Resources

- The Ralph M. Brown Act and Related Statutes
- California Charter School Laws and Regulations

2020 Presentations:


2020 CCSA Presentations:

CCSA Governance Academy, Part I By: John Lemmo

CCSA Governance Academy, Part II By: John Lemmo

AB 1505 in Full Effect: What does the first 4 months mean for the future?: By Greta Proctor of Procopio, Janelle Ruley of Young, Minney and Corr, and Miles Durfee of CCSA

2019 CCSA Presentations:

Navigate the Charter Renewal Process – Legal Considerations By: Greta Proctor

Critical Tips to Avoid Wage Claims Every Charter School Needs to Know By: Wendy Tucker


Facilities Basics: A How-To Guide (Non Prop 39) By: John Lemmo

HR Master Class: Advanced Employment Practices By: Wendy Tucker & Tracie Stender

Resource Sharing Among Affiliated Schools: Best Practices Roundtable By: Greg Moser, John Lemmo,
Greta Proctor & Aiko Yamakawa

Navigating the Rough Waters of Charter Renewals, Appeals, and Revocations By: Greta Proctor, Aiko Yamakawa & Merrick Wadsworth

Pupil Fees and Appropriate Use of School Funds By: John Lemmo & Greta Proctor

5 Steps to Raising Your Bond Rating and Lowering Your Facilities Costs By: John Lemmo

Conflicts of Interest: Beyond the Basics By: Greg Moser & Tracie Stender

Essential Charter School Policies By: Greta Proctor & Merrick Wadsworth

A Conversation about LAUSD Chartering: Substance and Process By: John Lemmo & Greta Proctor

School Health and Safety Practicum – Every Day Advice By: Aiko Yamakawa & Tracie Stender

Be Ready for Financial Reviews: A Cautionary Tale of Escalated Scrutiny By: Greta Proctor