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**TITLE IX PART IV -
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Areas of Expertise

General Education Code & Student Issues (including student discipline, interdistrict transfers; general student issues, student's and parent's rights); Governance (Brown Act, Public Record Acts, conflicts); Special Education/Section 504



Experience

Ms. Batanero has over 14 years of experience in administrative law; over 10 years of experience in education law. Ms. Batanero's practice touches upon myriad legal issues relating to students and school personnel. She advises school districts, county offices of education and special education local plan areas statewide regarding all aspects of special education law, student discipline and anti-discrimination laws. In addition to regularly participating in IEP meetings, Ms. Batanero has represented clients before the Office of Administrative Hearings, the California Department of Education and the Office for Civil Rights. Ms. Batanero also assists school districts in negotiating agreements and reaching settlements with parents regarding special education issues. Ms. Batanero also assists school districts and County Boards of Education at all levels of the student discipline process and conducts investigations on behalf of her clients of allegations of discrimination. Prior to joining SCLS, Ms. Batanero worked in education law in Southern California representing school districts in special education matters as well as addressing various legal matters as they arose. Ms. Batanero is a Member of the California State Bar and the California Council of School Attorneys.

Education

Juris Doctorate, University of San Francisco School of Law (2003); Master of Science in Gerontology, University of Southern California (1999); Bachelor of Science in Gerontology, University of Southern California (1998).

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