

Schenck, Price, Smith & King Welcomes New Attorneys to School Law Practice

Schenck Price, Smith & King, LLP is pleased to announce Paul H. Green, Marc H. Zitomer, Robin S. Ballard, and Joseph L. Roselle have joined the firm's expansive education practice. As members of Schenck, Price, Smith & King's Business Law Department and the firm's School Law, Labor and Employment Practice Group, they join a prestigious roster of legal talent working with board members and school administrators in all facets of Education Law. With fifteen attorneys practicing in this field at Schenck, Price, Smith & King, the firm has one of the largest education practices in New Jersey.

The School Law attorneys at Schenck, Price, Smith & King have over thirty years' experience representing Boards of Education. The firm serves as general counsel to school districts throughout New Jersey, both large and small. In addition, the firm is special counsel to many school districts and other educational institutions in areas including construction, negotiations, and special education. The attorneys at SPSK are intimately familiar with both practical and legal issues faced by school districts.

The School Law attorneys at SPSK lecture statewide on many issues affecting their school district clientele, including student discipline, seniority, bidding, staff evaluations, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504, sexual harassment, school funding, law of the Internet, and special education issues.

Mr. Green, a partner with SPSK's Business Law Department, is a member of the firm's School Law, Labor and Employment Practice Group. Mr. Green's practice is focused on education law and public sector labor relations. He counsels boards of education in all facets of school law and is highly regarded for his particular depth in special education, public bidding and contract matters, employee relations and technology-related issues. He has spent his entire legal career concentrating on the representation of school districts. Mr. Green is a current member and past president of the New Jersey Association of School Attorneys.

Mr. Zitomer, also a partner with SPSK's Business Law Department, is a member of the firm's School Law, Labor and Employment Practice Group representing statewide private and

public school districts in all areas of education law and labor law. Other areas of expertise include employee performance and discipline issues, employment discrimination, tenure and seniority, school bidding and construction, employment contracts, separation agreements, sexual harassment and bullying in the school environment, student and staff First Amendment Rights, religion in the schools, student discipline, school residency law, random drug testing and board policy. Mr. Zitomer also serves as Vice President of the New Jersey Association of School Attorneys.

Robin S. Ballard is counsel with Schenck, Price, Smith & King's Business Law Department and is a member of the firm's School Law, Labor and Employment Practice Group representing statewide private and public school districts in all facets of special education law, including evaluations, eligibility, program development and placement determinations, dispute resolution with parents, and disciplinary matters. Dr. Ballard regularly attends IEP meetings and mediations conducted through the Department of Education, as well as appearing before the Office of Administrative Law for emergent and plenary hearings. Dr. Ballard regularly conducts in-service presentations on special education and 504 issues for teachers, special services personnel and service providers in various districts, including the preparation of legally compliant documents. She has conducted trainings for employees of Boards of Education on effective strategies for dealing with difficult situations and effective communication with parents. Prior to practicing law, Dr. Ballard completed a dual degree program, obtaining a doctorate in psychology as well as her law degree which gives her a unique understanding of issues pertaining to special education.

Mr. Roselle joins the firm as an associate, with experience in advising clients with respect to student and employee rights, residency issues and tenure matters. He regularly appears before the Office of Administrative Law, Commissioner of Education, Public Employment Relations Commission and State Court in his representation of school districts, and has lectured throughout the state on topics pertaining to education law.