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Our attorneys have helped shape the field of education law over the past four decades. Working with state leaders in education, we proudly support numerous educational organizations through diversity and inclusion initiatives, informational workshops, and innovation-focused conferences. Our annual Education Law Conference draws over 500 participants, and each year our professional development workshops serve hundreds of educators statewide. We created the benchmark for evaluating and improving teacher performance—the FRISK® Documentation Model—now used throughout California and in other states.

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