



**IRVING OFFICE**

# NONA MATTHEWS

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“Special education is a family affair. Parents have been taught to advocate for their children, and well they should. We must meet them with empathy and understanding.”

Nona Matthews brings an extensive background in special education to her legal practice. She joined Walsh Gallegos in 1995, and assisted in opening the firm's Irving office.

Before beginning the practice of law, Nona spent nine years teaching special education in Texas public schools. Upon graduation from law school, she worked as a solo practitioner representing parents of children with disabilities in special education issues.

Nona is a frequent speaker on a wide variety of special education topics, and a past adjunct professor of school law at North Texas State University.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Special Education

**EDUCATION**

South Texas College of Law (1993)  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
(with honors, Bachelor of Science  
in Education, 1983)

Certifications in Deaf Education  
and Deficient Vision

**LICENSING & COURT  
ADMISSIONS**

Licensed in State of Texas

United States District Court for the  
Northern and Eastern Districts of  
Texas

United States Fifth Circuit Court of  
Appeals

**MEMBERSHIP**

National School Boards Association  
Council of School Attorneys

Texas Association of School Boards  
Council of School Attorneys

State Bar of Texas

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Living up to the Ideals of IDEA” Texas  
Lone Star (Sept./Oct. 2014)