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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

**MEMBERSHIP**

National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys  
Texas Council of School Attorneys  
State Bar of Texas

**LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS**

Licensed in the State of Texas  
United States District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas  
United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

**PUBLICATIONS**

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