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“Our viewpoint on special education is derived from on-the-ground public school experience paired with up-to-the-minute school law expertise.”



Jan Watson brings an extensive background in special education to her legal practice. She supports Texas school districts in preparing staff for Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee meetings. She expertly files and responds to requests for, prepares witnesses and evidentiary materials for, and represents districts at due process hearings. She also consults with school personnel on special education and negotiates in mediation sessions.

In addition to active representation, Jan provides pro-active training for both general education and special education administrators, teachers, and service providers on legal topics related to special education.

Prior to attending law school, she taught students with auditory impairments in both El Paso and Fort Worth Independent School Districts. She served as educational diagnostician for the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf in Lubbock Independent School District.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Special Education

**EDUCATION**

Texas Tech School of Law

**LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS**

Licensed in State of Texas

**MEMBERSHIP**

National School Boards Association  
Council of School Attorneys

Texas Association of School Boards  
Council of School Attorneys

State Bar of Texas

American Bar Association

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal  
Court

Dallas Bar Association

**PUBLICATIONS**

*What School Districts Need to Know About the Amendments to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 2008, Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest, Vol. 25, No. 4 (April 2009).*

*Gearing Up for Special Education on Your Campus: A Guide for the Campus Administrator, Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest, Vol. 26, No. 4 (April 2010).*

*Practical Strategies for Preparing for ARD Committee Meetings, Avoiding Predetermination & Providing Prior Written Notice, Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest, Vol. 27, No. 5 (May 2011).*