

Is Education the Great Equalizer?

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We think it is fair to say that good attorneys identify as lifelong learners. Reading the *Michigan Bar Journal* each month is itself a form of education for us.

But education *law*? That impacts all of us, too.

Amid a global pandemic, vocal demands for equity and change, and ongoing concerns around school safety, education law is more important than ever.

This month, you can read the work of some of the leading education lawyers in our state. Our contributors bring geographically and professionally diverse perspectives to issues in this burgeoning area of law. The authors include a solo practitioner, government and non-profit attorneys, as well as attorneys from medium and large firms. Some have represented school districts for decades, one is the attorney behind state and federal cases receiving national attention, and one is a recent law school graduate. In this issue, they discuss school security, introduce the new Title IX requirements, explain school funding options, outline the incomplete implementation of restorative school discipline, and envision a constitutional right to a quality education for all Michigan children. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Ideally, this issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal* could be the jumping-off point to an education law section of the State Bar of Michigan. At the very least, we hope it furthers important conversations about educational law and policy. Yes, schools affect your home value and taxes but more importantly, they house the future of our profession. Pay attention.

Finally, to all the educators out there: **Thank you.** ■



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