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aspx, and <http://tinyurl.com/yau8ex4>. Information on Functional Behavior Assessments (FBAs) and Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) is available through the Briges4kids website at www.bridges4kids.org. After reaching this site, readers should click on *Positive Behavior Support* at the top of the page to access links to FBAs and BIPs.

It is the author's hope that the Internet resources identified in this column will serve as a useful supplement to the valuable information provided by our authors. ■

Endnotes

- ¹ 2010 U. S. Dist. LEXIS 12560 (S.D. Fla. Feb. 12, 2010).
- ² 593 F. 3d 249 (3rd Cir. Pa. Feb. 4, 2010).
- ³ 593 F. 3d 286 (3rd Cir. Pa. Feb. 4, 2010).
- ⁴ As referenced in previous columns, readers are reminded that the IDEA's implementing regulations may be accessed via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations [e-CFR] @www.gpoaccess.gov/ECFR. The e-CFR while not an official legal edition of the CFR, is an editorial compilation of CFR material and Federal Register amendments produced by the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of the Federal Register (OFR) and the Government Printing Office. The OFR updates the material in the e-CFR on a daily basis. The current update status appears at the top of all e-CFR web pages.

Feature Spotlight on an ELA Member:



Darcy L. Kriha, a member since 2009, is a member of our attorney constituency and represents public school districts and special education cooperatives throughout Illinois. In addition to school board representation, Ms. Kriha is known for her expertise related to special education and high-profile student discipline matters. Ms. Kriha joined the firm of Franczek, Radelet, PC, in 1997.

In July of 2006, Ms. Kriha was selected by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company as one of Illinois' "40 Under Forty Attorneys to Watch." She was recognized for her unique and exceptional lawyering skills in the field of education law and her commitment to the profession, including extensive volunteer work.

Darcy notes that she "completely lucked" into practicing education law and during a clerkship in law school "discovered immediately that the practice of law was different than anything I was learning in law school" and "there is no other area of law as diverse and complex as education law."

Darcy wrote to us: "As complex as the law is, knowledge of the law is not nearly enough. Education lawyers are "counselors" in the truest sense of the word. The vast majority of my days are spent counseling clients on issues no law fully answers. Education lawyers must be adept at giving practical, calm, flexible, proactive advice.

I am constantly amazed at how emotional the practice of education law is. Education attorneys must learn to set aside their emotion in order to be effective counsel. This was a difficult transition for me as a young lawyer, one that I still find difficult some days. Less experienced education attorneys should not be discouraged by this; they will learn, over time, to quell their emotions and focus on helping clients in their time of need.

Perhaps what I love the most about my practice is that I work with educators—some of the most kind and intelligent people I will ever meet. When you counsel people who chose a profession specifically to help children, it brings a sort of vicarious joy. Even though I do not work directly with children, every day I can name something I worked on that will touch children's lives for the better, whether it be a stronger drug policy or a sign language interpreter at the school play."

Darcy joined ELA because it is a "highly regarded group of professionals who share common goals and interests. The various ELA publications are always at the top of my 'to read' pile. The *ELA Notes*, in particular, delves into issues large and small and is a good source for up-to-the minute information on education law issues. The ELA conferences are not to be missed."

Ms. Kriha lives in the Chicago area and has four children, 3 boys and 1 girl, ranging in age from 15 down to 6, all of whom attend public schools. ■

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