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Shelli serves as general counsel to several Illinois school districts and private schools. She is often called upon to lead investigations and provide training on sexual abuse and harassment. She also frequently speaks and provides training on a wide range of other topics including tenured teacher dismissal, conducting investigations, teacher and student boundary issues, bullying, hazing and mandated reporting, best practices in conducting evaluations, FSLA compliance, and labor relations.

Shelli is a member of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and the American and Illinois State Bar Associations. She is also a founder of the Women's Network of School Administrators (WNSA), a professional organization formed to support Illinois female school administrators as they ascend into leadership roles.

Shelli was selected by Crain's as one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers in 2018. She has been consistently recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer and Leading Lawyer and was selected to the annual "40 Under 40" by Law Bulletin Publishing based on nominations of clients, peers, and the legal community.

Education

- J.D., with honors, Loyola University School of Law, 1997
- B.S., summa cum laude, highest distinction, Loyola University of Chicago, 1994 (criminal justice)

Bar & Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Trial Bar
- U.S. District Court for the Southern and Central Districts of Illinois

Representative Experience

- Provides counsel and guidance in all aspects of teacher personnel matters, including evaluation, discipline, and dismissal
- Assists in negotiating collective bargaining agreements for teacher and support staff contracts on behalf of various school districts
- Advises school districts on reduction in force matters as well as compliance with PERA and Senate Bill 7
- Successfully represented school districts in several high profile tenured teacher dismissal hearings
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a class action FLSA lawsuit
- Regularly litigates in State and Federal Court for school districts

Recognition

In 2019, Shelli was recognized by *Crain's Chicago Business* as 2019 Notable Women Lawyers for her distinguished career in the field of education law.

Shelli also consistently has been named a Leading Lawyer by Law Bulletin Publishing. She has been recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer and named to the annual "40 Under 40" by Law Bulletin Publishing, which selects and recognizes 40 attorneys under the age of 40 based on nominations by their clients, peers and the legal community.