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Brandon concentrates his practice in K-12 special education law and is based in the firm's Champaign office. He serves as general counsel to dozens of school districts and special education cooperatives and advises clients on a wide range of matters, including employment matters, student discipline, and due process.

He also counsels clients as the primary contact for special education matters. He has previously represented clients in matters before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Justice, Illinois Department of Human Rights, Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Illinois Department of Labor, and state and federal courts throughout Illinois.

Brandon spends a significant amount of time providing professional development and continuing education opportunities across the country. He has trained administrators and teachers on legal issues involving students with disabilities and other school law concerns. He is a highly sought-after presenter, having presented to educational professionals in 26 states (and counting) and given keynote speeches at major educational conferences.

Before his legal career, Brandon worked as an administrative assistant and consultant at the Regional Office of Education for Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union Counties. He also served as a member of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Board of Education from 1999-2003, the youngest person to be elected to a school board in Illinois at the time.

Brandon currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and is a past Chair of the Executive Committee. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the National School Attorneys Association. He has previously taught as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, as well as at Eastern Illinois University.

# Education

- J.D., University of Illinois Chicago Law School, 2004
- M.E.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2004
- B.S., Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2004

# Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois
- Supreme Court of Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit