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## **DANA FATTORE CRUMLEY**

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Dana Fattore Crumley is a partner in the Education Practice Group. A former public school teacher and school board president, Dana uses her practical experience and broad legal expertise in education law to serve as general counsel to public school districts, special education cooperatives, and private schools. Her practice includes counseling on special education matters, teacher employment and discipline, collective bargaining, student rights and discipline, and school board policy and governance.

Dana presents frequently to school administrators, educators and board members on a wide range of education law topics at the state and national level. She has taught education law classes at Loyola University's Graduate School of Education, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Roosevelt University. She works extensively on board governance matters, providing training to board members in regard to both their legal obligations and best practices for transparent, collaborative, and student-focused leadership.

## Education

- J.D., Loyola University School of Law, 2001
- M.Ed., Loyola University Chicago, 2001 (educational leadership and policy studies)
- B.A., Northwestern University, 1988

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois

## Representative Experience

- Provides counsel and guidance on all aspects of teacher personnel matters, including evaluation, discipline and dismissal, and employee rights under federal and state laws including the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Serves as lead counsel in special education due process hearings regarding placement, programming and services provided to students with autism spectrum disorders, emotional disorders, learning disabilities, cognitive impairments and students with disabilities served in early childhood programs.
- Counsel's school districts on all aspects of student rights, including student discipline, First Amendment Rights, and student record and confidentiality issues.

## Recognition

Dana has been recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer from 2021-2023 by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.