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Erin Shaffer focuses her practice in the area of School Law. She handles special education, regular education, disciplinary issues, and school accommodation matters.

Prior to joining Shipman, Erin was a Staff Attorney at New Haven Legal Assistance Association for 18 years. In that role, Erin represented families of children and youth requiring assistance with education matters. She also closely monitored educational legislation and served as an advocate for change in education laws, policies, and procedures on a state and local level.

Erin frequently presents on a wide variety of topics such as truancy, expulsion, school discipline and special education.

Distinctions

Teaching Positions

- Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
 - *Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law*, January 2016 - 2022
Co-teacher, Legal Assistance: Reentry Clinic/Advanced Reentry Clinic
 - *Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law*, January 2014 - 2022
Co-teacher, Educational Opportunity and Juvenile Justice Clinic/Advanced EOJJC
 - *Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law*, July 2007 - June 2008
Co-teacher, Landlord-Tenant Clinic

Professional Affiliations

- CT State Department of Education, School Discipline Collaborative, Member (2018-present)
- New Haven County Bar Association, Member (2005-present), Public Service Committee – Youth and Law Presentation (2010, 2011)
- New Haven Inn of Court, Member (2011-2012, 2013-2015)

Community Involvement

- Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, Board Member (2005-2008), Secretary (2006-2008)

Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1998
- Boston College, B.A., 1992, cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 2001

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA, 1998
- U.S. District Court, District of CT, 2008