

Patrick J. Schmitz

Partner

Pat Schmitz has represented school boards and other public sector and non-profit entities for almost 20 years. His practice has included labor and employment matters and special education issues. He has negotiated numerous labor contracts and handled dozens of arbitrations, proceedings before administrative agencies, employee discipline and discharge cases and student discipline matters.

Mr. Schmitz is a 1988 graduate of the College of Wooster (with honors) and a 1991 graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He assisted hundreds of school officials throughout the state as legal counsel to the Ohio School Boards Association for six years and has written and spoken frequently on school legal issues.



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Admissions

- Supreme Court of Ohio, 1991
- Northern District of Ohio
- Southern District of Ohio
- Sixth Circuit

Education

- B.A., with honors, The College of Wooster, 1988
- J.D., The Ohio State University, 1991

Publications

- Special Education Law in Ohio, Ohio School Boards Association
- Ohio Sports Law Handbook, Ohio School Boards Association
- Managing Employee Leaves, Ohio School Boards Association
- Nonrenewing Employees, Ohio School Boards Association
- Contributing author, The Principal's Legal Handbook, Third Edition, Education Law Association
- Contributing author, Baldwin's Ohio School Law Journal
- Contributing author, OSBA Journal
- Amicus Curiae brief author, OSBA Legal Assistance Fund

Speaking Engagements

- Ohio School Boards Association
- Ohio Association of School Business Officials

- Buckeye Association of School Administrators
- Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators
- Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators
Community Leadership, current and past
- Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys, member and presenter
- OSBA Council of Urban Board Solicitors, past ex officio member
- OCSBA Special Education Roundtable, founding member
- National School Boards Association/ Council of School Attorneys, member
- Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations, member
- American and Ohio Societies of Association Executives, past member
- St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury, Ohio, lector and Eucharistic minister
- St. Andrews Anglican Church, lector
- Delaware County Republican Party Central Committee, past member
- Olentangy Youth Athletic Association, coach and volunteer
- The College of Wooster Alumni Association, member



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