When it comes to education law, Clark Hill delivers the depth and legal know-how of a premier boutique supported by the full array of firmwide commercial and government law practices. Our firm offers extensive experience counseling public school districts, intermediate school districts, independent schools, community colleges, and universities on the legal issues that impact all facets of school operations.

We can assist with any of the numerous issues our education clients may face. Our attorneys are known and valued for being available and responsive. They listen to clients to understand their goals and effectuate even the most distinct objectives. While some law firms tell clients what to do, we view our role as serving our clients’ administrative team and working together to determine what is in their best interest and then empowering the client to achieve the result. Throughout the process, we stand with the client all the way.

Our team remains steadfastly focused on preventative law. We do this by having a long-term perspective and orient ourselves to preventing problems. Our collaborative team understands that overcoming obstacles to progress often means interacting appropriately with and before various stakeholders in a community, such as unions and parent groups.

Our group stays on top of the evolving world of education law and proactively serves clients by providing legal updates and in-services on pertinent legal developments that impact their district and students. The breadth of our Education practice, as well as our geographic reach and state of the art technology, enables us to consistently deliver the specific legal advice and service our education clients need to successfully manage operations.

Our experience in serving education clients is undeniably comprehensive, including:

- Human resources management
- Employee and student discipline
- Faculty tenure
- Collective bargaining agreements and negotiation
- Residency
- Subpoenas
- Board governance, bylaws, and policies
- Special education and disability law
- Title IX compliance
- Taxation
- School funding, finance, investment, and lines of credit
- Permissible expenditure of funds
- Procurement and purchasing
- Governmental and legislative affairs
- Intergovernmental agreements
- Real estate and construction
- Insurance
- Contract negotiation and drafting
- Trusts and foundations
- Bonds and notes
- Civil rights
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Open Meetings Act (OMA)
- Workers’ compensation
- Law enforcement
- Intellectual property protection