

## JACOB M. GILBOY

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

School Leaders' Liability  
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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
2021

U.S. District Court Middle District  
of Pennsylvania  
2021

U.S. District Court Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania  
2023

### EDUCATION

Widener University  
Commonwealth Law School (J.D.,  
2020)

Wilkes University (M.S., 2008)

University of Scranton (B.S., 2001)

### OVERVIEW

Jacob is a member of the Professional Liability Department where he focuses his practice in matters related to school leaders' liability, employment law, municipal liability and civil rights law. He has litigated cases before state and federal courts, as well as the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

With nearly two decades of prior experience serving his community in northeast Pennsylvania as a public school teacher and high school department head, Jacob is uniquely qualified to understand the intricacies of education litigation, among other professional liability fields. Jacob also previously spent time litigating cases from inception to resolution as a Plaintiff's attorney, which further aids in his ability to navigate complex legal matters.

Jacob holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton, a Master's degree from Wilkes University and a *juris doctor* degree from Widener University Commonwealth Law School.

Jacob is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania State courts as well as in the United States District Court for the Middle District and Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He enjoys being active in his community through coaching youth sports and is a member of the Board of Directors for Friends of the Poor, Scranton.

### HONORS & AWARDS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers  
Rising Star  
2024

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Lackawanna County Bar  
Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **Legal Update for Special Education Law – Updates from the U.S. Department of Education**

**Harrisburg**  
**School Leaders' Liability**

**April 1, 2025**

The Uncertain Future of Special Education: Presidential Authority and the Proposed Shift to HHS Legal Update for Special Education Law – April 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of interest t

### **Legal Update for Special Education Law – Case Law Update**

**Harrisburg**  
**School Leaders' Liability**

**February 1, 2025**

Federal District Court Orders School District to Immediately Place Disabled Student in Residential Facility Legal Update for Special Education Law – February 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of interes

### **Legal Update for Special Education Law – Case Law Update**

**Harrisburg**  
**School Leaders' Liability**

**February 1, 2025**

Commonwealth Court Rules Sexual Abuse Provision of Government Immunity Under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act Is Limited to Persons Under the Age of 18 Legal Update for Special Education Law – February 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of interes

### **Legal Update for Special Education Law – Case Law Update**

**Harrisburg**  
**School Leaders' Liability**

**October 1, 2024**

District Court Dismisses, with Prejudice, Disability Discrimination Suit Brought by Prospective Medical Student with Disabilities. Legal Update for Special Education Law – October 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of interest

### **Legal Update for Special Education Law – Case Law Update**

**Harrisburg**  
**School Leaders' Liability**

**October 1, 2024**

Third Circuit Affirms District Court's Issuance of Preliminary Injunction Requiring a Public School to Place Student in a Residential Educational Facility. Legal Update for Special Education Law – October 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of interest

## RESULTS

### Secured Dismissal of a Suit Against a Dauphin County School District

#### **School Leaders' Liability**

**September 4, 2024**

We achieved dismissal of a suit against a school district by way of preliminary objections. The Dauphin County case involved allegations that the district deprived the plaintiffs of certain educational rights, premised on procedural due process violations, negligence and subornation of perjury. Preliminary objections were filed to the plaintiffs' original complaint on both procedural and substantive grounds. Following the filing of an amended complaint and additional preliminary objections on similar grounds, argument was held.

### Defamation action against public school district dismissed.

#### **School Leaders' Liability**

**November 10, 2022**

We successfully disposed of a defamation action via preliminary objections. The plaintiff brought a defamation action against a public school district and certain district officials, alleging that he was defamed through a series of internal text messages exchanged between an elementary principal and another parent. The defense raised several procedural violations that occurred in the pro se plaintiff's filings, and also argued legal insufficiency by way of demurrer.

### Federal Rehabilitation Act suit against a school district dismissed.

#### **School Leaders' Liability**

**November 1, 2022**

The plaintiffs filed a complaint stemming from the school district's alleged violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Defense counsel prepared a F.R.C.P. 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss, arguing that the plaintiffs' pleadings were insufficient to show that the student was disabled under the Act, that the district did not discriminate against the student, and that an isolated incident or comment from one teacher does not impart liability in violation of Section 504. The motion was first evaluated by a U.S.