



## Mary E. Deweese

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#### OVERVIEW

Mary is an education-focused attorney who is passionate about helping organizations to serve students and advance their missions.

With a master's in education, Mary taught elementary school for two years in Washington, DC. She left the classroom to go to law school, but continued to see education as a great equalizer that expands students' opportunities. She chose to pursue a legal career working with colleges, universities and schools to help ensure access to learning.

Today, Mary represents educational institutions in state and federal litigation and administrative proceedings; conducts investigations; and provides counsel on administration, policies, student matters and employment issues. She works with both public and private institutions, including national research universities, academic medical centers, religiously affiliated colleges and K-12 schools. She previously served as a law fellow at the National Education Association, where she gained a close perspective on the goals and priorities of in-house counsel, and as an intern in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of the General Counsel.

What she loves most about her work is creating innovative strategies for clients: Mary sees the law and legal cases as puzzles, and she excels at assembling the pieces to find best solutions. Her aim is to solve problems that would otherwise get in the way of clients' educational mission.

#### Industries

Education  
Healthcare  
Life Sciences

#### Services

Academic Medicine  
Higher Education  
K-12 Education  
Title IX

## Recognition

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors, 2020

## Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
  - *cum laude*
  - *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy*, Executive Editor
  - Juvenile Justice Clinic
- M.Ed., Lesley University
  - Elementary Education (1-6)
  - Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8)
- B.A., University of Notre Dame

## Admissions

- Illinois
- District of Columbia
- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit



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