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Involvement as an Expert Witness in Federal or State Cases (Trial or Deposition); Sample Due Process Hearings

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- 11/18- present In the Matter of Chad and Tonya Richardson, Individually, and as Parents and Next Friends of L. v. Omaha (AR) School District; Jacob Sherwood, Superintendent; Amanda Green, Principal; and Dawn Dillon, Teacher. In the United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas, Harrison Division. Working as an Expert Witness for the Parents above in a case involving their son who is disabled (autistic, and other behavioral/mental health issues) who was excessively bullied (without appropriate District response), and then was put into a more restrictive educational placement that led quickly to full exclusion and home-bound instruction in violation of LRE and FAPE.
- 3/18- present In the Matter of J.M., a minor student, by and through this parent, Promise Mata v. Tennessee Department of Education, Tennessee State Board of Education, and Dickson County School District, Nashville, TN. Working as an Expert Witness for the TN Attorney General's Office to support the TN Department of Education in a case where they are accused on not providing sufficient professional development and training to districts to decrease the use of seclusions and restraints with students with disabilities.
- 1/12-13/17 Jacquie Albright v. Mountain Home School District (AR). Expert Witness. In the United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas (Harrison Division) in a case requesting a Reversal of Agency Decision relative to a Due Process Hearing decision that was conducted under the auspices of the Arkansas Department of Education [Jacquie Albright (as Parent of Child Doe) v. Mountain Home School District; DPH-15-12] [Federal Civil Action No. 3:16-CV-03011-TLB]
- 8/10/16 Diana Mathis and Raymond Cooper (Parents) v. Arkansas School for the Blind (AR). Testimony at Due Process Hearing. Case No. H-16-48
- 5/23-24/16 Randles v. Texarkana School District (AR). Testimony at Due Process Hearing. Case No. H-15-21; Cases No. H-16-27 and EH-16-29

- 10/7/13 Parents/Plaintiffs (New Orleans, LA). Expert Witness Report. In the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana (New Orleans) in a case involving the right of Plaintiffs (representing their son), under federal and state law, to a full reimbursement for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) conducted during the 2011-2012 school year. [Seth B. v. Orleans Parish School District. Case 2:13-cv-06068-NJB-DEK]
- 7/10-7/11 Kelly, Kelly, & Allman (Hendersonville, TN). Expert Witness. In the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (Nashville) in a case involving the physical abuse of prekindergarten students with disabilities at the hands of their teachers. [Jackson, Minnis, and Long v. the Sumner County (TN) Board of Education and Donna Weidenbenner (individually)].
- 7/03-3/05 Arkansas Department of Education. Expert Witness. In a Federal Court case focusing on the State's enactment of its responsibilities under the Comprehensive Personnel Development requirement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). [Bradley v. Arkansas Department of Education and Williford School District]
- 1/99-7/03 Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (FL). Expert Witness. Consultation on numerous exceptional student education cases heard in state or district court relative to their special education and discipline/school expulsion and manifestation status.
- 1/99-7/03 Southern Legal Counsel, Inc. Gainesville, FL. Expert Witness. Consultation on numerous exceptional student education cases heard in state or district court that related to their special education and discipline/school expulsion and manifestation status.
- 9/91-12/95 Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg, Lansing, MI, Expert Witness. Consultant on statewide court case addressing social skills training in elementary classroom settings using a state-developed curriculum and the children's involvement in/responses to that training. [Settled out of Court]
- 10/89-6/93 Legal Services Corporation of Alabama. Montgomery, AL. Expert Witness. In four federal court cases representing a class of African-American students, receiving services as students with emotional disturbances, against the Montgomery (AL) Public Schools. [Most notable cases: Cory M. and Chris D. v. Montgomery Public School District]
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