



Rodney C. Lewis

Shareholder

Bar admissions: Alabama, 1993

Practice Areas

- Public school law
- Special education law
- Employment and labor law

Profile

Mr. Lewis' practice involves the training, counseling, and representation of school districts in special education and anti-discrimination involving the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other related laws. His litigation experience consists of representing school districts in state and federal courts, mediation sessions, and administrative due-process hearings.

Mr. Lewis frequently conducts seminars at local, state, and national conferences.

Representative Cases

Cases representative of Mr. Lewis' work include—

- *F.M. v. Madison City Board of Education*, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama (decided March 30, 2018).
- *Sparman v. Blount County Board of Education*, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama (decided September 19, 2016).
- *Laura A. v. Limestone County Board of Education*, U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (decided April 28, 2015).
- *Phyllene W. v. Huntsville City Board of Education*, U.S. District Court, N.D. Ala. (decided December 20, 2014).
- *N.B. v. Demopolis City Board of Education*, 112 LRP 58398 (U.S. Dist. Court, S.D., Ala. 2012).
- *In re Cherokee County Board of Education*, 111 LRP 5931 (2010).
- *C. C. v. Huntsville City Board of Education*, 106 LRP 6294 (2006).
- *R.S. v. Madison City Board of Education*, 106 LRP 12373 (2006).
- *W. M. v. Huntsville City Board of Education*, 44 IDELR 77 (2005).
- *B. R. v. Florence City School System*, 42 IDELR 129 (2004).
- *C. G. v. M.C.S.S.*, 47 IDELR 59 (2006).
- *D. K. v. Limestone County Board of Education*, 41 IDELR 225 (June 16, 2004).
- *K. B. v. M.C.S.S.*, 44 IDELR 174 (2005).

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Representative Cases (con.)

- *In re Disabled Student*, 22 IDELR 931 (1995).
- *In re Limestone County Board of Ed.*, 31 IDELR 122 (1999).

Professional Associations

American Bar Association

Alabama Bar Association

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

Alabama Association of School Board Attorneys

National Association of School Board Attorneys

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association

Education

J.D., 1993, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Managing Editor, *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*

Cordell Hull Legal Research and Writing Instructor

Member, Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board

Phi Delta Phi

B.A., with honors, 1990, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Publications

- “Developing Legally Sound Section 504 Programs,” *Alabama School Boards* (magazine), 2007.
- “New IDEA Should Boost Discipline and Curb Frivolous Lawsuits,” *Alabama School Boards* (magazine), January-February, 2005.

Presentations

- On October 6, 2009, Mr. Lewis spoke at the annual State Conference of the Council of Alabama Special Educators. The title of his presentation was “Alabama Due-Process Decisions: How Are Alabama Hearing Officers Ruling?”

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