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Matt Tamel is a Shareholder in the firm's San Francisco office and is the Chair of the Students and Special Education Practice Group. Matt has dedicated nearly his entire career to public education. He worked as a public school teacher (English) in the San Francisco Bay Area for almost 10 years before becoming an attorney. For six years, Matt represented public school and community college districts in the areas of personal injury, employment, and civil rights. Since joining DWK, Matt has counseled school districts on special education matters, compliance with federal and state student education laws, responding to pupil records and California Public Records Act requests, and Uniform Complaint Procedures, to name a few areas. He has represented school district clients before the Office of Administrative Hearings and in California Superior Courts and U.S. District Courts throughout the state. As a litigator, he has represented and defended clients in trial and at depositions, mediations and arbitrations. He has also written and successfully argued motions in federal and state court, including demurrers, discovery motions and motions for summary judgment.

EDUCATION

- Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D.)
- San Jose State University (M.A.)
- San Jose State University (B.A.)

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
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