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BIOGRAPHY

Nathanya Guritzky Simon plays a major role in the firm's school board representation in all legal, labor and special education matters. She is best known for her handling of special education matters. Routinely she is offered the opportunity to counsel New Jersey school board clients throughout the state on day-to-day matters through to complex special education litigation, when necessary. Nathanya represents clients at identification meetings, evaluation determinations, Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") meetings, in mediation, in Complaint Investigations, at due process administrative hearings held at the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL"), and in litigation appealed into the Federal Court and State courts.

Ultimately, Nathanya believes there is no substitute for experience. Special Education is a very specialized and complex area of the law. It is only with years of experience that an attorney can know the nuances of the procedural and substantive aspects of the special education laws and cases, possess the skills necessary to effectively communicate with parents, advocates, and attorneys representing families, and maintain the skills to successfully advocate on the client's behalf and represent their interests.

MEMBERSHIPS

- New Jersey State Bar Association, Labor Law Section
- New Jersey Association of School Board Attorneys, Past Vice President and Trustee
- National School Boards Association, Council of School Attorneys
- New Jersey Association of School Business Officials – Associate Business Member, Past President

ACCOLADES AND HONORS

- "School Board Attorney of the Year" - 2015 - N.J. Association of School Attorneys Distinguished Service Award
- AV Preeminent Rated™ by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- New Jersey "Super Lawyer," Schools & Education, 2005, 2009 – 2016
- Seton Hall Law Review Member, 1973-1974, Associate Editor, 1974-1975
- Judicial Clerk to Honorable Milton Feller and Honorable Donald A. McKenzie, Superior Court, Union County, New Jersey, 1975-1976
- NJASBO Above and Beyond Award, 2007
- Recipient of the Service Award for Outstanding Services and Leadership by the New Jersey Coalition for Educational Leaders, 2007
- New Jersey Governor's School Board of Overseers, Member and President, 1999-2005
- Named as one of the leading female attorneys in the State by the New Jersey Law Journal, 2003
- New Jersey School Boards Association, Associate Counsel, 1976-1979

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PUBLICATIONS:

- Shocking Violence Book II: Violent Disaster, War, and Terrorism Affecting Our Youth, Chapter 8, Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Ltd., 2003

- Shocking Violence Book I: Youth Perpetrators and Victims – A Multidisciplinary Perspective, Chapter 10, Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Ltd. 2000
- “Employment Litigation Against Public Entities,” New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 1997
- “Providing a Free Appropriate Education to Preschool Handicapped Children,” New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 1996
- “The Substantive and Procedural Aspects of Special Education Litigation,” New Jersey Lawyer, July, 1993

PRESENTATIONS

- “Everything You Need to Know About the Transition to College”- Lehigh University’s 43rd Special Education Law Conference, May, 2015
- “Troubled Children in the Family Part” – Judicial College, November 2014
- “Expert Witnesses in Special Education – What the Judges Want to Hear” – New Jersey School Boards Association School Law Forum, October 30, 2014
- “Case Law Concerning Expert Witnesses” – Hot Topics in Special Education Law, October 22, 2014
- “Les Enfants Terribles – Troubled Children in Family Law,” New Jersey State Bar Association, 2014 Mid-Year Meeting
- “Bullying and Special Education” – 2014 School Law Conference, February 26, 2014
- “FERPA and the Release of Discipline Information to Parents of Victims of Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation,” Hot Topics in Special Education Law,

Sponsored by NJICLE with NJSBA School Law Committee, October 16, 2013

- “Issues Involving Home Based Services, Insurance and Extended Day/Year,” Hot Topics in Special Education Law – Sponsored by NJICLE with NJSBA School Law Committee, November 14, 2012
- “Food Allergies and the ADA in Schools” Sponsored by NBI, Inc., April 25, 2012
- “Procedural v. Substantive FAPE: It Doesn’t Take a Fortune Teller – or Does It?” Special Education Law Conference – sponsored at Lehigh University, 2011
- “DYFS and The Schools” School Law Conference – sponsored by The New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2011
- “Divorce and The Special Needs Child” – New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Convention, 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University, J.D.
- University of Rhode Island, B.A.