



Areas of Practice

- Education Law
- Public Employment Law
- Education Insurance Defense

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Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating

AV[®] Preeminent 5 out of 5

Denise Lowell-Britt has been practicing law at Udall Shumway since 1987 and has been an equity partner of the firm since 1993. Ms. Lowell-Britt is very pleased to devote her practice entirely to representing school districts, community colleges, charter schools and other public educational institutions. She heads the firm's education law group.

Ms. Lowell-Britt provides daily advice and assistance to school districts and other public educational institutions. Ms. Lowell-Britt advises and represents clients in matters that include but are not limited to: personnel issues; special education; Section 504 and ADA issues; student disciplinary hearings; student records; contracts; policy development; governing board liability and open meeting and public records issues. She has extensive experience working with matters involving the EEOC, OCR, DOJ, and the Arizona State Department of Education.

Ms. Lowell-Britt has been named a "Top Education Attorney" in Phoenix Magazine. She has been repeatedly selected by her peers as a "Best Lawyer in America" in the area of Education Law every year since 2007, including the most recent selection for 2020. Ms. Lowell-Britt has also been mentioned in the 2020 Best Law Firms edition. The firm and Ms. Lowell-Britt have also been repeatedly identified as providing the highest quality legal services in the area of Government Relations in "Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business", including the most recent edition of this publication. In March 2009, Ms. Lowell-Britt was presented with the Lara Ganoung Award, which is CASE's highest award recognizing leadership in the area of special education. In September 2017, Ms. Lowell-Britt was awarded the John R. McDonald Award by the Arizona School Board Association. The John R. McDonald Award is given to an Arizona attorney whose outstanding contributions to Arizona public education merit high distinction. On November 2, 2018, the Arizona Association of School Psychologists (AASP) presented its first ever Honorary Membership Award to Ms. Lowell-Britt. On November 14, 2018 she was again honored to receive the 2018 Friend of ASPAA award from the Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association, in appreciation for her outstanding service and contributions.

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Ms. Lowell-Britt has been a regular presenter at State-wide conferences and conducts a great many in-service and training programs for school personnel on a variety of topics relating to education law. She has also authored articles for National and State publications on a variety of topics of interest to educators. Ms. Lowell-Britt has also been an adjunct faculty member for Arizona State University, teaching graduate level Education Law classes for the College of Education, Division of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. She has been on the steering committee for the Arizona School Administrators "Principal and the Law" conference for 21 years. She has also been a regular speaker at the annual law conferences sponsored by the Arizona School Boards Association, Arizona School Personnel Administrators, the Arizona Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE), and programs sponsored by the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust.

Education

- J.D., Arizona State University, 1986
- B.A., Cornell University, 1980

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

- Arizona Courts
- United States District Court for the District of Arizona
- Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Professional & Bar Association Memberships

- State Bar of Arizona
- National School Boards Association
- Arizona School Boards Association
- Arizona Council of School Attorneys
- Arizona Finest Lawyers Foundation

Community Involvement

- Save The Family Foundation of Arizona