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Profile

Lakshmi brings real world experience to her school clients, with an emphasis on special education. She has litigated special education claims under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and New York State Education Law on behalf of students with disabilities.

Lakshmi prepares and conducts administrative hearings with significant legal, financial or policy consequences; provides legal support and advisory opinions on litigation strategy and policies with special education specialists and non-attorney litigators. Additionally, she provides counsel and representation on educational matters in order to facilitate the implementation of special education services through district policies and practices.

Prior to practicing school law, Lakshmi was an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office. During this time she managed complex cases and grand jury investigations including charges of assault, arson and attempted murder. This experience of conducting hearings, delivering arguments, summations and examinations provide a strong foundation for her current school law litigation cases, making her a fierce advocate for her clients.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D. 2005)
- St. John's University (B.A. 2002)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York (2007)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Practices

- School Law