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During his career, Jeffrey A. St. Omer has represented a wide variety of education-related clients throughout the state of Missouri. Prior to joining Mickes O'Toole, Jeff served as general counsel for the St. Louis Public Schools, where he advised the Special Administrative Board and District administration for more than eight years. Before his time with St. Louis Public Schools, he acted as the general counsel for the Kansas City, MO School District. At Kansas City, he reestablished the long-dormant internal legal department and successfully coordinated the District's opposition to the attempt at annexation by an adjacent school district.

Jeff's experience includes advising and counseling approximately 100 Missouri K-12 public school districts and higher education institutions. His experience working with educational institutions includes negotiating labor agreements with the largest teachers union in Missouri; coordinating teacher and non-certified dismissal; coordinating district responses to student discipline matters; responding to teacher and student civil rights matters; conducting license revocation hearings before the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal legislation.

He regularly lectures to education-related groups, educators, colleges, and K-12 schools on many subjects including student searches, drug testing of staff and students, and student/staff privacy. Jeff was the first person to complete a dual degree in Law and Education Administration in the history of the University of Missouri at Columbia. His master's thesis explored the possibility of new institutional liability arising from parental notification amendments to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Jeff is a member of the Council of School Attorneys for the National School Boards Association and the Missouri School Board Association. He is also a member of the Missouri Bar Labor and Employment Committee and the American Bar Association.

Areas of Practice:

- Education Law
- Commercial Litigation

Education:

- Tuskegee University, B.S., 1996
- University of Missouri at Columbia, M.A., 2001
- University of Missouri at Columbia, J.D., 2001

Bar and Court Admissions:

- Missouri Bar

Professional Affiliations:

- Council of School Attorneys, National School Board Association, American Bar Association
- Education Law Committee and Labor & Employment Law Committee, Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Charitable & Civic Activities:

- Member, Saint Louis Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity