

Education Law

Learn about the role the judiciary branch plays in education, including the role of the federal courts and case law in both K-12 and higher education contexts. Pressing issues such as school discipline, immigration, IDEA, and federal rule making in higher education will be addressed.

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Bryan Beverly is a lifelong Michigan resident, and takes pride in the quality of education he received in public schools and is passionate about providing similar impactful experiences with students in today's urban schools. He holds a Ph. D. in Educational Policy from Michigan State University, where he currently is the Director of the Office of K-12 Outreach in the College of Education. Bryan is an alum and co-coordinator of Michigan's Educational Policy Fellowship Program and is an elected member of the Lansing Board of Education.

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Kelly Sherrill Linkous, Esq., J.D., Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at The George Washington University in the Educational Leadership and Administration (ELA) program. Her research interests include special education law, First Amendment and public schools, and the law and K-12 students. She serves as an Editorial Board member of the Education Law and Policy Review. Dr. Sherrill Linkous is the ELA program co-director and advises and directs the ELA doctoral program. She teaches "School Law and Policy," and multiple doctoral level courses, while chairing over 45 dissertations since her tenure at GW. Dr. Sherrill Linkous has received nominations for numerous teaching awards at GW, winning the coveted, university-wide Honey Nashman Outstanding Faculty Member Award and the Dean's Outstanding GSEHD Faculty Award. Prior to joining GW as a faculty member, Dr. Sherrill Linkous practiced education law, representing school districts in Georgia and Virginia. She obtained her J.D. from GW and her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and maintains her license to practice law in both Virginia and Georgia. Dr. Sherrill Linkous also taught elementary school, with a concentration on serving gifted children.

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Terri Taylor is the strategy director for postsecondary finance, based in Lumina's Washington, D.C., office. Under her leadership, Lumina's postsecondary finance work aims to illuminate and address the many facets of financial need, especially for adult learners and students of color, through innovative approaches through work with states, postsecondary providers, students, advocates, and other experts. She also works closely with Lumina's vice president of strategic engagement on student-centered approaches to quality assurance.

Terri came to Lumina from EducationCounsel where she spent nearly six years advising organizations, institutions, and foundation on ways to achieve their goals in the complex American K-12 and higher education policy and practice environment. She advised several postsecondary institutions and organizations on race-conscious practices, including deep involvement in U.S. Supreme Court advocacy related to Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin. During this time, she worked with Lumina on new federal policy approaches to quality assurance and served as an advisor for Lumina's racial equity project.

Terri earned a B.A., with distinction, in American studies and religious studies from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. She started her career in education as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English as a second language in Kyrgyzstan.