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PRACTICE AREAS

Employment & Labor

School & Education

School Employment

Special Education

EDUCATION

University of Southern Maine,
M.S., 1997

University of Montana, M.S. ,
1992

Macalester College, B.A., *cum
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Penelope Wheeler-Abbott is a non-lawyer Education and Human Resources specialist who joined the firm in 2012. Penny's practice focuses on a wide range of education and human resources issues for our clients. She provides our school clients with consultation and support in the areas of special education, employee supervision and conduct, student matters, and policy topics.

In the special education arena, Penny works closely with school districts in preparing for special education mediations, complaint investigations, and due process hearings and she provides in-service training and on-going consultation about special education matters. Penny also regularly conducts a wide variety of investigations for public and private sector clients including investigations of harassment, discrimination, and Title IX complaints and employee and student misconduct, including student bullying allegations. In addition, Penny provides consultation support to clients regarding employee supervision and evaluation.

Penny joined the firm after 17 years as a teacher and a school administrator in Southern Maine. She has extensive experience in dealing with employee, student, and education issues of all kinds and maintains her certifications as a teacher, building administrator, and assistant superintendent.

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development ("ASCD")

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE

- The Opportunity Alliance
Board Member
- Chocorua Lake Conservancy
Board Member, Secretary