

**ATTORNEY**

The Board of Education recognizes the complex legal environment in which schools and county offices of education operate and desires reliable, dependable legal advice. The Board also supports collaborative legal efforts with other agencies, school districts and offices of education in order to promote the Office of Education's interests.

*(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)*

In contracting for legal services, the Board of Education and the County Superintendent shall appoint the same legal counsel.

The legal counsel may:

1. Render legal advice to the Board and the County Superintendent or designee.
2. Serve the Board and the County Superintendent or designee in the preparation and conduct of Office of Education litigation and administrative proceedings.
3. Perform other administrative duties as assigned by the Board and County Superintendent or designee.

The Board may authorize a specific member to confer with legal counsel on behalf of the Board.

*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board (Powers and Responsibilities)*

*(cf. 9200 - Members (Limits of Authority))*

*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35041.5 *Legal counsel, same for county board and county superintendent*

35204 *Contract with attorney in private practice*

35205 *Contract for legal services*

GOVERNMENT CODE

814-895.8 *Liability of public entities and public employees*

26520 *Legal services to school districts*