

**Kathy Shannon** serves as the Director of CASB's Member Legal Resources and Policy Counsel, and as Special Counsel to CASB's Legal Services Program (LSP). As Legal and Policy Counsel, she consults with school board members and administrators on all aspects of school law. She provides legal support to CASB's policy department and serves on committees concerning a variety of public education issues.

Prior to joining CASB in 2004, Ms. Shannon was in private practice, exclusively representing school districts and boards of cooperative educational services. She has researched and written legal opinions, briefs, and memoranda on all areas of education law, with particular emphasis on policy development, special education, student discipline and employment. She has represented school districts at special education due process hearings, expulsion hearings and truancy hearings. She also responded to employment discrimination complaints and student civil rights complaints at the administrative level.

Ms. Shannon has presented at numerous conferences and legal seminars on education law issues, with a primary focus on issues of interest to school board members, such as the open meetings law and conflicts of interest.

Ms. Shannon grew up in Montrose, Colorado and graduated from Montrose High School. She enjoys working with rural school districts and spending time with her family.



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#### AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Policy Development
- School Board Governance
- Student Discipline
- Special Education

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- NSBA Council of School Attorneys
- Colorado Council of School Board Attorneys
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Editor and writer of *Policy Parameters*, a CASB publication regarding changes in federal and state laws, and their impact on school district policy manuals
- Author of legal memoranda on education law issues published in CASB publications

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Colorado Supreme Court
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals (Tenth Circuit)

#### EDUCATION

- University of Colorado School Of Law (J.D. 1997) *Recipient: Moses Lasky Scholarship*
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