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### **Partner Sam Chalfant Joins Pacifica Law Group's Education & School Districts Practice**

Seattle—[Pacifica Law Group](http://Pacifica Law Group) is pleased to announce that [Sam Chalfant](#) has joined the firm as a partner in the education and school districts practice group.

Sam assists school districts throughout the Puget Sound region and offers legal advice on a full range of matters, including dispute resolution services. He represents school districts in special education matters including counseling, advice and all phases of dispute resolution. He also provides representation and guidance in the areas of human resources, student discipline, privacy, due process, and nondiscrimination.

"We are very excited to welcome Sam to Pacifica. He brings a deep understanding to the issues our school district clients are facing and adds considerable bench strength to our well-respected education practice group," said Gerry Johnson, managing partner at Pacifica Law Group.

Denise Stiffarm, the leader of the education and school districts practice group, shares Gerry's enthusiasm, "Sam brings outstanding experience and perspective to our team. We're certain that our clients will benefit from his depth of expertise."

Sam was a partner at a Puget Sound-based law firm before joining Pacifica, and interned with the Education Division of the Washington State Office of the Attorney General during law school.

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