



## Craig Peters

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### PRACTICE AREAS

School Districts

As an experienced school law attorney, Craig Peters concentrates his practice on representing and advising education institutions throughout Washington on a wide variety of complex legal issues.

Craig takes a client-centered approach to providing options-based advice, general counsel services, and representation to schools on matters ranging from special education and civil rights to public records and employment. He also has extensive experience advising on tort liability, privacy, student safety, supervision, and discipline. In addition, Craig has assisted in drafting model board policies and procedures, and has counseled districts on policy implementation and compliance.

Craig previously worked as a neutral staff attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), where he investigated and resolved complaints of discrimination against education institutions and public entities. In this role, he also frequently provided trainings, presentations, and technical assistance on civil rights issues. Craig began his legal career with another Seattle-based law firm, where his practice focused on school districts.

Outside of work, Craig has diverse interests, such as playing music, basketball, and studying comparative religion.

#### Bar Admissions:

- Washington

#### Education:

- Seattle University School of Law, J.D.
  - Seattle University Law Review
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in: Special Education Law Seminar; Judicial Externship Seminar (Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings)
- University of Chicago, M.A., History of Religions
- Humboldt State University, B.A., Religious Studies

Select Speaking:

- Annual presentation at state member conferences of the Association on Higher Education and Disability on OCR's Year in Review, 2023 – 2025
- Numerous OCR training courses on disability issues arising in the post-secondary education context, 2022 – 2025
- Training on changes to Title IX regulations, Washington School Personnel Association, October 2020
- Training for District administrators and staff, providing an overview of laws governing special education, December 2019
- Presentation for new special education directors regarding common legal issues and pitfalls in special education, Washington School Personnel Association, August 2019
- Presentation on civil rights compliance for Washington school districts to an educational service district, April 2019

Publications:

- *The Impasse of Tibetan Justice: Spain's Exercise of Universal Jurisdiction in Prosecuting Chinese Genocide*, Seattle University Law Review, November 2015