

Michael Brustein

Partner

Having served as an attorney advisor to the former United States Office of Education, and Chief of the Adult and Vocational Education Branch in the HEW Office of General Counsel / Education Division, Michael Brustein served on the transition team to establish the United States Education Department. Following the opening of the new federal department in May 1980, he founded the firm with Leigh Manasevit in July 1980.

Over the past 25 years, Brustein & Manasevit have worked with all 50 states, many school districts, postsecondary institutions, and national education organizations on issues related to federal support of education and workforce development. Over this period of time Michael Brustein has been recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on federal grants management, audit resolution, as well as workforce education and development issues.

Areas of Practice:

- Administrative Hearings & Adjudication
- Administrative Investigations
- Administrative Rulemaking
- Age Discrimination
- Colleges & Universities
- Private Schools
- Public Schools
- Race Discrimination
- Regulatory Enforcement
- Religious Discrimination
- Sex Discrimination
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Harassment -- Employee
- Special Education
- Student Rights

Bar Admissions:

- Connecticut, 1974
- District of Columbia, 1979
- New York, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit, 1976
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1978

Education:

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut, June, 1974
J.D.

New York University, New York, New York, June, 1971
B.A.

Honors: Cum Laude

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

Honors: Honors Scholar

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha

Major: Political Science

Published Works:

The One-Stop Guide to the Final WIA Regulations, 2000

The One-Stop Guide to the Perkins Act of 1998

The NAPIC Guide to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998

The Administrator's Guide to the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998

The School-to-Work User's Guide: Understanding Federal Cost Principles and Avoiding Audit Liability, 1997

The AVA Guide to the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, 1994

The A VA Guide to Federal Funding for Tech Prep, 1992

The AVA Audit Handbook: Avoiding Audit Liability Under the 1990 Perkins Act, Revised Edition, 1992