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Counsel

As a member of the Governmental Practice Group, Rachael focuses her practice on providing legal services to school districts, municipalities and public authorities.

Rachael has 16 years of experience in various county government roles, including in Pennsylvania and Texas. She has served in both District Attorney and Public Defender offices, including active participation on advisory boards and bar associations. She is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law and Alfred University.



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Practice Areas

- Governmental Practice

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *Honors, Lawyering Skills II (trial advocacy) & Children's Advocacy Clinic, Spring 2004; Michael Mohr Scholarship for Intramural Sports, 2003-2004; Student Executive Editor, Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues, 2003-2004*
- University of Houston Law Center, Visiting Student, Spring 2005 & Fall 2005
- Alfred University, B.A., *cum laude, National Merit Scholarship, Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life, 2002*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Representative Experience

- Advised a public school district through School Director vacancy process that required court appointment
- Assisted a municipal sewer authority in legal proceedings to successfully collect delinquent fees on multiple properties
- Appeared for prosecution or defense in approximately 100 jury trials, including juvenile delinquency (Texas), serious felonies (Texas and Pennsylvania), and misdemeanors (Texas and Pennsylvania)
- While practicing law in Texas, was certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Juvenile Law

- Served as Snyder County, Pennsylvania Chief Public Defender
- Served on Snyder County Children's Roundtable, Family Engagement Initiative, and Treatment Court Team

Representative Clients

- Crawford County School District
- North East School District
- Oswayo Valley School District
- Warren County School District
- Sheffield Township
- Meadville Market Authority

Community and Professional Service

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- YMCA of Greater Erie, *Board Member (2026-present)*
- Attorneys and Kids Together (AKT), *5k Planning Committee Member*
- Episcopal Church, USA, *Regional Disciplinary Board Member*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Member*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Member*
- Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association, *Board of Directors (2026-present)*

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Erie County Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference, October 2026 - two sessions: "Self-Care for Lawyers" and "Trauma-Informed Advocacy"
- Firm's Annual Municipal Law Symposium: Going "Back to School" on Annual Notices, April 2026
- Erie County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Panel, April 2026: "Immigration Law for Non-Immigration Attorneys"
- Erie County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, January 2026: "Self-Care for Women Lawyers: Evidenced-Backed Strategies for Raising Your Baseline"
- Harbor Creek High School, May 2025: Huskies Chat-n-Chew speaker on legal careers
- Firm's Annual Municipal Law Symposium, April 2025: "Mock Public Meeting" panelist and topic: *Once More Unto the [Data] Breach, Dear Friends: Navigating the Legal Notice Requirements*
- Firm's Annual Municipal Law Symposium, 2024: "Tell It To the Judge" panelist; and Municipal Law Roundtable panelist

Articles and Publications

- Update on Supreme Court Decision Regarding Title IX Sports
- Sunshine Act Updates: December 2025
- PowerSchool Data Breach and Cybersecurity

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