

David Backus has worked closely with school boards and regional education service centers throughout Texas for 30 years.



A trusted advisor to many school boards and regional education service center clients, David Backus handles a wide range of matters, including personnel contracts, constitutional law, construction, student privacy (FERPA), public funds, student attendance issues, and numerous other issues that arise in the constantly changing environment that education institutions on open government laws like the Texas Public Information Act. His main goal is to help schools run more efficiently to better serve their students.

EXPERIENCE

Served as general counsel for the Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock.

Served as senior attorney for the Texas Association of School Boards' Legal Services Division in Austin.

Served as staff counsel and lobbyist for the Texas Association of School Administrators in Austin.

AFFILIATIONS

Texas School Administrators Legal Digest, Editorial Board Member

State Bar of Texas School Law Section, Member

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

TEA Certified provider of Continuing Education for School Boards

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Texas Council of School Attorneys, Past Chair

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PRACTICE AREAS

Construction

Employment

Education

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 1988

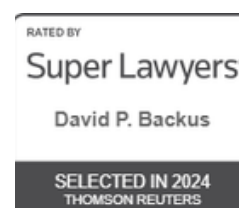
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

EDUCATION

J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 1988

B.A., Southwestern University, 1985



RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers® in America, Education Law, 2022–2024

Texas Super Lawyers, by Thomas Reuters, 2019–2024

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

“Investigate This! Navigating the World of Workplace Investigations” – Underwood Employment Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, (2025)

“Recent and Noteworthy Case Law Development in Employment Law: What Employers Need to Know” – Underwood Employment Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, (2024)

OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

David Backus is a proud adoptive father of four and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. In his free time he enjoys scuba diving and climbing fourteeners in Colorado.