Novack and Macey LLP Collaborates with LAF to Represent Students in Special Education and School Disciplinary Disputes

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Novack and Macey LLP, a Chicago business litigation firm, has partnered with LAF (formerly known as the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago) to represent Cook County students whose families cannot afford a lawyer in school discipline and special education cases. The firm and LAF consider it vitally important to these students that they stay in school and get appropriate services to meet their needs.

Novack and Macey has agreed to accept 10 such cases a year and presently represents two clients through the program. Firm attorneys have received specialized training for these assignments from LAF.

Novack and Macey has previously partnered with LAF to represent other Chicago area clients living in poverty, including people who have received decisions denying their Social Security disability claims.

Partner Steve Siegel, the firm’s pro bono coordinator, explained that the new special education and school discipline program “is a great way for our attorneys to make a difference in the lives of children who are facing potentially life-altering decisions by their schools but whose parents and guardians cannot afford to hire a lawyer to represent their child.” Partner Courtney Tedrowe and associate Alex Berg also helped launch the firm’s newest pro bono program.

“Novack and Macey is a wonderful partner with LAF in improving access to education for students who are struggling with disabilities and poverty,” said Diana C. White, LAF’s Executive Director. “Novack and Macey attorneys are enthusiastic and committed. They bring high-quality litigation skills to bear on the clients’ cases. We are delighted that they approached us and look forward to continuing this extremely beneficial relationship,” Ms. White said.