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Deborah Ettinger is a partner in the Marin and Pleasanton offices of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. Ms. Ettinger represents California public school districts, county offices of education, and special education local plan areas. Ms. Ettinger specializes in education law, with a focus on special education and student issues. For over a decade, she has assisted clients in serving the needs of disabled students, including matters ranging from Section 504 disability discrimination complaints and student disciplinary matters to special education administrative proceedings. Ms. Ettinger has successfully litigated special education cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts and before administrative agencies. She also works with clients proactively to help avoid costly disputes through advice and counsel, reviewing policies and practices and training staff on legal compliance.

**Education**

Ms. Ettinger earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Irvine. She received her Juris Doctor from Whittier Law School, where she was a member of the Whittier Law Review.

**Publications and Speaking Engagements**

Ms. Ettinger is a contributor to the firm’s education publications and Ed Law Connect Blog. She frequently conducts trainings for school districts on a variety of topics, from the individualized education process to compliance with Section 504. Ms. Ettinger also regularly speaks at statewide education associations.