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In addition to providing high-quality legal advice and representation, I am committed to building strong working relationships with each of my clients.



Christine M. (O'Brien) Gordon joined Timoney Knox as an associate in May 2011. She is a member of Timoney Knox's School and Special Education Law group and Commercial and Civil Litigation group and focuses her practice on special education law, civil rights litigation and employment law.

Ms. Gordon counsels families of children with disabilities on issues arising under various federal laws and regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. She represents clients at IEP meetings, disciplinary hearings, and administrative due process hearings, and has extensive experience performing appellate work in special education matters in federal courts. She works to help clients in securing appropriate educational programs and services, as well as in obtaining compensatory education, private school placements, tuition reimbursement, and other available remedies. She also has experience assisting in matters involving school bullying, harassment, hazing, transgender rights and sexual and/or physical abuse.

She earned her law degree from Villanova University in 2008. While in law school, she was selected to write for the *Villanova Environmental Law Journal* and was a board member for a legal fraternity focused on ethics within the legal profession. She also volunteered her time providing pro bono legal work through various programs offered through the law school and served as a student volunteer at the Special Olympics event on campus.

Areas of Practice

- Education Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Commercial and Civil Litigation

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2008
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2011
- United States Court of Federal Claims, 2012
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2014
- United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015
- United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2017

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania,

She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Emory University in 2005. While attending Emory, she was on the Dean's List and was selected by the faculty for academic recognition in the Psi Chi National Honor Society, the Mortar Board Senior National Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She was a two-year captain of the nationally-ranked varsity softball team and competed twice in the NCAA College World Series, finishing 3rd and 4th in the nation. She served two years as the President of Emory's Varsity Athletic Council and was the recipient of Emory's Athletic Department's 2005 Leadership Award.

She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Montgomery County Bar Associations and participated in the Montgomery County Bar Association's 2016 Leadership Academy. She is a former Trustee on the Board of Trustees for Northern Children's Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing behavioral and mental health services to at-risk children and their families, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the York Hospital Auxiliary. A Bucks County native and graduate of Villa Joseph Marie High School, she currently resides with her husband and daughter in Ivyland, Pennsylvania.

J.D., Environmental Law
Journal, 2008

- Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, B.A., 2005

Published Works

- Case Note: Franz v. Franz, PBA/Pennsylvania Family Lawyer, Vol. 31, 3, 2009

Classes/Seminars Taught

- Basics of Child and Spousal Support Seminar, 2009
- "Legally Defensible IEPs" - October 4, 2013
- "Social Skills and Compliance Under the IDEA" - April 4, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - June 23, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - June 24, 2014
- "School Law Workshop" - August 26, 2014
- "School Law Workshop" - August 26, 2015
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" - March 24, 2016