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Profile



David Backus' practice is comprised chiefly of public school and regional education service center education law. Prior to assuming his duties with the Underwood Law Firm, David served as general counsel for the Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock, senior attorney for the Texas Association of School Boards' Legal Services Division in Austin, and staff counsel and lobbyist for the Texas Association of School Administrators in Austin. He is chair of the Board of Directors of the Texas Council of School Attorneys and a past editorial board member of the Texas School Administrators Legal Digest. When he is not advising or defending school districts and education service centers, David is assisting families to finalize the legal portion of their adoption process. An adoptive father of four, he considers this a special part of his practice. David was privileged to serve his country for ten years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

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Practice Areas

- Public Education
- Construction
- Employment

Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas, 1988](#)
- [United States District Court, Northern District of Texas](#)
- [United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit](#)

Education

- [Texas Tech University School of Law](#)

- J.D., 1988
- [Southwestern University](#)
 - B.A., 1985

Affiliations

- [Texas Association of School Boards](#), Council of School Attorneys chair
- [Texas Association of School Boards](#), Legal Assistance Fund, Board Member
- [State Bar of Texas, Council of School Law Attorneys](#), Vice-Chair
- [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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- Legal Assistance Fund, Board Member
- Council of School Attorneys, Chair

Military Service

- [United States Marine Corps](#)
 - 1985-1994

