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EDUCATION

- Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, J.D., *high honors*, 1987; Editor, Rutgers Law Review
- Pace University, M.P.A., *honors*, 1984
- University of Minnesota, M.S.W., 1971
- University of Kansas, B.A., 1966

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey, 1987
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1987
- New York, 1988
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1993
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1996

Rebecca K. Spar

Member

Litigation
Appeals
Education Law
Employment Law

Rebecca Spar, a native of Kansas, has a federal and state court litigation practice in employment, education and disabilities rights law. She joined Cole Schotz in 1988 after serving as Law Secretary to the Honorable David Landau of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

A frequent lecturer and author of articles for professional publications, Ms. Spar has represented parents and children in several precedent-setting educational cases involving, among other issues, students' rights to damages and compensatory education. Ms. Spar's case, *W.B. v. Matula*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, was cited as one of the ten special education cases most frequently downloaded.

NOTEWORTHY

Ms. Spar has been awarded an AV rating for her professionalism and the quality of her legal work from Martindale-Hubbell, the premier directory of legal professionals. She has been selected for inclusion in *New Jersey Super Lawyers®* in Schools & Education, 2005-2009.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Among Ms. Spar's published district and state court decisions are the following:

W.B. v. Matula, 67 F.3d 484-494 (3d Cir. 1995)

Ridgewood Board of Education v. M.E., 172 F.3d 238 (3d Cir. 1999)

M.C. v. Central Regional School District, 81 F.3d 389 (3d Cir. 1996), cert. denied, 136 L.Ed. 2d 116 (1996).

Rebecca K. Spar (Continued)

PUBLICATIONS

Social Learning: Is This The Responsibility of School Districts?, *Cole Schotz Docket*

Special Education Alert, *Cole Schotz*, Spring 2007

Special Education as a Civil Right, *New Jersey Lawyer*

Keeping Internal Investigations Confidential, *HR Magazine*

Employers Likely to Lose on Collateral Benefits, *New Jersey Law Journal*

Model Jury Instructions for the "Actual Malice" Standard, *Rutgers Law Review*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- An Inclusion Conference, *New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJICLE)*, December 4, 2010
- Hot Topics in Special Education, *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 17, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Tourette Syndrome Association, Board of Directors
- Education Law Center, Board of Trustees
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Former Chair, Children's Rights Committee and School Law Committee
- District IIB (Bergen County-South) Ethics Committee