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CHAPTER 5 STUDENT DISCIPLINE
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



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INTRODUCTION:

The complaint often heard from teachers and administrators alike is that their hands are tied when it comes to disciplining unruly students. Whatever they do, teachers and administrators have come to expect the inevitable lawsuit, or at least the threat of a lawsuit. That may be true enough because lawsuits can't be stopped – even when teachers and administration do everything by the book. However, while acting within and pursuant to the rules governing the teacher-student relationship may not stop lawsuits, it certainly will serve to limit liability –of teachers, administrators and school districts. That's why it's so important to know the rules that define the teacher-student relationship and provide the tools with which teachers and administration can maintain the required order and decorum for learning to take place. This is the intent of this primer.