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Education
Higher Education
Edtech
Innovative Education Providers
K-12
Accreditation
State Authorization

Dan helps postsecondary institutions, K-12 schools and education-related companies navigate complex regulatory issues. Experienced in accreditation, state authorization, federal student aid, data privacy, artificial intelligence and online education provision, Dan monitors legislative, regulatory and judicial developments across the education landscape to help clients remain current and compliant. He has a strong interest in helping edtech companies and their partners implement innovative educational solutions to produce measurable gains in student outcomes. Dan also serves as a co-chair of Cooley's LGBTQ+ Affinity Group.

A former K-12 teacher and educational researcher with a PhD in education, Dan recognizes the intricate challenges facing clients in the education sector, providing practical, real-world advice clients can understand and implement with confidence.

Before joining Cooley, Dan clerked for Judge Ellen Lipton Hollander of the US District Court for the District of Maryland, delving into a range of civil litigation matters involving universities, K-12 school districts, governmental agencies and private corporations. During law school, Dan worked on a variety of education-related compliance, litigation and transactional matters with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Education Law Center, and the Ludwig Center for Community and Economic Development. He also served as editor in chief of the Yale Law & Policy Review, development chair of the LGBTQ+ OutLaws board, and a Coker Fellow in constitutional law.

Education

Yale Law School JD, 2022

Johns Hopkins University PhD, 2019

University of Michigan MA, 2015

University of Utah BS, summa cum laude, 2013

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

US District Court for the District of Maryland