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As a Director and Shareholder with Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd & Joplin, P.C., Mari’s practice focuses on the representation of public and private schools, charter schools, community colleges, other governmental entities, and businesses regarding issues including labor and employment matters; student disciplinary and constitutional issues; internal and external investigations involving employees and students, including

high-profile investigations; trustee and bond elections and questions; special education; employee disability claims; and obligations under the Texas Public Information Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act, and the Texas Election Code. Mari also provides proactive seminars for the Firm’s clients, and frequently speaks, on the areas of her practice outlined above. Corrective training for private employees and executives is also offered by Mari.

Mari regularly assists clients with matters in both state and federal court, before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States Department of Education, the United States Department of Justice, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Education Agency.

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AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to the bar, Texas (1997).

Admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern, Northern and Eastern District Courts of Texas.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the American, Texas and Collin County Bar Association; Collin County Bar Association; Texas Association of School Board Council of School Attorneys; Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education; Education Law Association, TACCA, VP, SBOT, SLS Board Member, Samaritan Inn Board Member.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts in Education University of North Texas - 1992
- Taught public school before pursuing her law degree from Southern Methodist University - 1997

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

- SBOT
- TACCA
- UNT
- NBT
- TCASE