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Laura Tubbs Booth Receives MASE Distinguished Service Award

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE) has named Laura Tubbs Booth, Attorney and Managing Partner at Booth Law Group, the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. Laura will be honored for her positive history and association with Minnesota public education, contribution to improving Minnesota’s public education, and reputation as a person who willingly “goes the extra mile” at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 7-8, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Laura began her career in public education at the Executive Director of Human Resource Services with Wayzata Public Schools. She was then an attorney and partner at Rider Bennett, LLP. Laura is managing partner and founder of Booth Law Group.

Laura has touched the professional lives of hundreds of special education directors in Minnesota during the past 25 years. Her constant positive presence at MASE conferences and workshops has provided special education administrators with a wealth of knowledge and practical application to case law. During complicated legal situations with personnel and family relationships, Laura maintains focus on the student and what they need to make progress in their education. She has a keen ability to understand the position of the school district and construct agreements that address the needs of students while adhering to school district fiscal responsibilities. Laura’s calm and supportive demeanor, outstanding knowledge, and interpretation of laws pertaining to Minnesota students with disabilities, paired with her service mindset has greatly supported MASE in their mission to build strong leaders who work on behalf of students with disabilities.

“Laura has a long, positive history with Minnesota public education. Any director who has had the ‘opportunity’ to go through legal challenges with Laura will tell you what a tremendous support she is to the director and his/her school team,” said Nan Records, Regional Low Incidence Facilitator at Sourcewell. “Laura’s years of presenting at MASE conferences and the New Leaders’ and Directors’ Cohorts have certainly improved Minnesota’s public education system on a statewide basis with better informed directors and leaders. It is clear that Laura has demonstrated her willingness to go the extra mile for our members.”

Laura's legal practice is concentrated in the areas of education law, including special education and other student issues, discrimination, data practices, employment issues, investigation of employment, and child abuse issues. Her other areas of concentration include childcare, professional licensure, and employment matters in the private sector. Laura was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General in the state of Minnesota to represent the Minnesota Department of Corrections and provide training on special education and related discrimination matters. She is also a consultant to the Department of Corrections on litigation matters. Laura is certified by the Minnesota Department of Education to train Charter School Board Members on Employment Law Issues. She has litigated before the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court of Minnesota, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Laura is an active member of the Minnesota Council of School Attorneys, National Council of School

Attorneys, Hennepin County and Minnesota State Bar Associations, and the American Bar Association.

Laura received a bachelor's degree in Business Management and Human Relations from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law.

MASE is a professional association organized to promote programs and services to improve the education of children with disabilities, to foster high quality programs of professional development, and to study problems relating to serving children with disabilities and improving the leadership of administrators for special education. MASE members are administrators for special education in public or private schools, cooperative regional, state and other education administrative units, college and university professors of special education teacher or administrator preparation programs, and administrators, coordinators or consultants for the Minnesota Department of Education.

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