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MICKES GOLDMAN O'TOOLE, LLC, (MGO,) is a law firm whose education practice specializes in serving the legal needs of a variety of education clients, including but not limited to public school districts, special education, higher education, and charter schools. In addition, MGO serves, in its Business and Corporate Group, the legal needs of business owners.

One of the hallmarks and distinct characteristics of MGO's mission and style of conducting business is its emphasis on client education, training, and personal interaction with stakeholders. In other words, it reinvests expertise with its clients and community.

Thomas J. O'Toole Jr. leads MGO's growing Business and Corporate Group, which provides legal services for clients in corporate law, corporate finance, real estate, land use and zoning, eminent domain, mergers and acquisitions, business litigation, employment law, taxation, trusts and estates, probate, and business-succession planning.

The firm has the largest education-law practice in the St. Louis area and the state of Missouri. Led by 2010 *Best Lawyers* designee and managing partner Thomas A. Mickes, the Education Group serves more than 300 public school districts in Missouri and Illinois, as well as institutions of

higher education. It represents school districts and higher-education institutions on a plethora of matters including employment, litigation, student discipline, labor negotiations, contracts, and funding.

MGO's special-education department, directed by Teri Goldman, is also the largest in the state of Missouri in both number of attorneys and number of school districts represented. It handles issues ranging from Individualized Education Programs (IEP) to Section 504 to training administrators and educators on this rapidly evolving area of law.

MGO produces and conducts seminars each year for educators, superintendents, administrators, and business groups on the latest legal issues. Its attorneys serve as speakers and presenters at dozens of events and conferences throughout the region and author articles for publications and websites. The firm provides in-service training for school districts and regional professional educational organizations.

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