

# LEGAL EXECUTIVE



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### BOARD LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND BOARD POSITIONS

**General Legal Counsel** to more than 40 Wisconsin public school districts for more than 20 years.

**Board Vice President**, Renning Lewis & Lacy, s.c.

### Areas of Expertise

Shana Lewis is a trusted advisor to more than 40 school districts across Wisconsin. With more than twenty years of experience with three law firms and teaching at two universities. Shana guides school and municipal boards and senior management in mitigating risk and addressing legal issues. Shana serves as Vice President for her law firm's Board of Directors and was on the compensation committee for her previous firm. She has served in leadership positions on numerous not-for-profit boards. She is a frequent speaker on matters of import for professional organizations and has been recognized in numerous publications across the State of Wisconsin for her legal expertise and leadership.

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In 2015, Shana founded the law firm of Renning Lewis and Lacy, s.c. (formerly known as Strang Patteson Renning Lewis and Lacy, s.c.) Her area of expertise is providing school and municipal boards, private sector employers, and senior management in both the public and private sectors with guidance in regard to a broad range of legal matters, including, but not limited to, labor and employment matters, harassment, bullying, and discrimination investigations, leading compliant hearings and meetings, navigating records retention and disclosure, and making strategic decisions to avoid or plan for potential litigation. Shana has deep experience with federal and state regulatory agencies. She is known for managing and mitigating risk for school districts and other entities and employers.

Before establishing her own firm, Shana was an equity shareholder with Davis & Kuelthau, s.c., in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and an equity partner with Lathrop & Clark LLP, in Madison, Wisconsin.

As an adjunct professor at University of Wisconsin School of Business, Shana teaches the *Role of Business in Society (Business Ethics)* to executive and evening MBA students. She also teaches *School District Law* for the educational doctorate program at Edgewood College, and has done so for more than 14 years.

Shana is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar, the Dane County Bar Association, the Legal Association for Women, and National School Board Association Council of School Attorneys, the Wisconsin School Attorneys Association. She previously served on the board for the Wisconsin School Attorneys Association.

Shana has significant not-for-profit board experience. She is a Past President of TEMPO Madison, a member of the TEMPO Madison Foundation board, Secretary for the Greenridge Piers and Parks Association, and a member of the Human Resources Committee for American Players Theatre. Previously, Shana served as a member of the governance boards for A Fund for Women, Theatre LILA, Forward Theater Company, and the Madison Repertory Theatre.

Shana earned a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is originally from a northern suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but currently resides just outside of Madison, Wisconsin.