



**EDUCATION ALERT**

**June 11, 2024**

**United States Supreme Court Rejects Parent’s Appeal  
to Video Tape Special Education Team Meetings**

On June 10, 2024, the United States Supreme Court (USSC) denied Scott Pitta’s petition for writ of certiorari. This means that the lower First Circuit ruling, denying parents any claim of entitlement to video tape team meetings, or to treat team meetings as a “public forum”, stands as the law governing this area.

Attorney Peter Mello of Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane successfully defended the Bridgewater/Raynham School District throughout the litigation in the federal courts.

Consistent with the law, we continue to advise clients to allow parents to audio tape team meetings. The district should make its own audio recording as well. However, absent a school district policy to the contrary, requests to video tape, whether in-person or via remote means (i.e. Zoom-type meetings) may be denied, particularly if any team member has any concerns about possible subsequent dissemination of such video recordings.

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