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Eric S. Grodsky Joins Firm

Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC is pleased to announce that Eric S. Grodsky has joined the firm.

New Legal Resource Guide Available for Purchase

A new legal resource guide, titled "Assistive Technology in Special Education: Identifying Student Needs, Responding to Parent Requests, and Other Compliance Issues," has been published by LRP publications and is available for purchase at www.lrp.com.

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John Izzo Recognized by IASB for Contributions to PRESS Policy Update

John Izzo is recognized in the October, 2012 issue of the Illinois Association of School Boards' Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) by for his contributions to the model policy revisions dealing with the Offset Program for debt recovery from the Office of the Illinois Comptroller.

Hauser Izzo to Conduct School Board Leadership Training

We are delighted to report that Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC has been approved by the Illinois State Board of

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Education to provide Leadership Training for Illinois school board members. Leadership Training is a new program required by the Education Reform Act. Pursuant to Section 10-16a of the School Code, all school board members elected or appointed after the Act's effective date, June 13, 2011, must receive training on specific topics. Of course, longer-serving members may also find the training useful.

Sraga Hauser will provide training in the general areas of (a) Education and Labor; (b) Financial Oversight and Accountability; and (c) Fiduciary Responsibilities of School Board Members, including a comprehensive overview of issues board members are likely to encounter. Specific topics covered are listed on the attachment. After a detailed PowerPoint presentation, our attorneys will lead a mock school board meeting, including both regular and closed sessions, to demonstrate and reinforce substantive law issues and board procedures.

The first school board election under this new law will be in April 2013 and we will be offering multiple sessions starting in spring, 2013, open to any incumbent school board members and anyone interested in becoming a school board member. For more information, check the Upcoming Events page on our website or

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contact Melissa Schmehl at our Flossmoor office.

Ray Hauser and John Izzo Author Chapters of IICLE Treatise on School Law

Two Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC partners are contributing authors to the 2012 edition of the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education's treatise on *Illinois School Law*. Ray Hauser and John Izzo are the co-authors of Chapter 4 on School Finance. Also, **John Izzo** is one of three authors for Chapter 11 on Civil Rights Litigation. Hauser and Izzo have been contributing authors to this IICLE publication for every edition over the past 20 years.
