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## Sara Boucek to Join Kriha Law as Named Partner

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Sara Boucek, Associate Director and General Counsel for the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) announced today that she will join Kriha Law as a Partner effective August 16, 2019, at which time the firm name will become Kriha Boucek, LLC. Sara's practice will be focused exclusively on representing boards of education in labor, personnel, students, special education and Board governance matters.

"Sara is a dynamic attorney, a great negotiator, and a leader in education," said Brent Clark, Executive Director of IASA. "Sara's departure from IASA will be a loss to the organization, as well as a tremendous gain

to all the school boards in Illinois who will benefit from her representation and collaborative approach in the coming years."

Sara's resume and experience are unparalleled. She has served as general counsel to the association and its approximate 1,500 members for 12 years. In her role as IASA General Counsel, she has negotiated thousands of administrator contracts, advised the association on policies and legislative initiatives, and represented the association on numerous task forces and legislative matters. Some of her most notable accomplishments include:

- Drafting and negotiating major legislative initiatives including SB315, SB7 and SB100, as well as employee pension and school funding.
- Author of articles for national, state and local publications.
- Speaking at national, state and regional conferences/meetings on a myriad of topics affecting public schools, including education, employment and labor issues.
- Teaching school law at Illinois universities.
- Presenting speeches and in-services regarding state and federal legislation, teacher and principal evaluation, education reform, and administrator employment issues.
- Chairing the Illinois Balanced Accountability Measure Committee for ISBE.

"Words can barely express my awe and excitement," said Darcy Kriha, founding partner of Kriha Law. "Sara is a dear friend, phenomenal attorney and one of the most compassionate people I know. She and I have long imagined what it would be like to create a school law firm based on a completely new model of servant-leadership. The fact that our dream is becoming a reality fills me with gratitude."

Sara's addition to Kriha Law caps an amazing first 15 months for the firm, which has grown from three attorneys to eight. It opened the doors to office space that is both welcoming and cost effective, to the benefit of its clients, all while providing uncompromising and high quality legal services to the school boards it represents.

"When you walk in the door at Kriha Law, you immediately know that this place and these individuals are special," Sara said. "The office doesn't feel like a law firm, the people are dedicated to students and education, the attorneys are some of the best in the business. I made the decision to leave IASA with a heavy heart. I love my job and the work I've been able to do to advance education and advocate for educators and students. But I am so excited that my future is with these individuals in a place where the education of kids and service to the client comes before anything else."

More information about the firm can be found at [krihalaw.com](http://krihalaw.com).

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead