Foreword to the 2026-2027 Edition

Pennsylvania School Personnel Actions, by Michael I. Levin, is an authoritative treatise and analysis of the laws governing hiring, dismissal, suspension, demotion, and changes in status of school employees and officials under the Public School Code. Since the First Edition was published in 1989, it has become an indispensable reference and guide for school attorneys, labor unions, school administrators and educators. Employers and employees alike appreciate Mr. Levin's systematic presentation and practical observations. The work has gained a reputation as the most convenient and reliable guide to personnel actions available to Pennsylvania lawyers, school administrators, teachers and their bargaining representatives, other school employees, and the general public.

This 2026-2027 Edition provides thorough, up-to-date coverage of new legislation and recent judicial and administrative decisions on school personnel matters. New and revised model forms on disciplinary actions and other personnel matters, involving both professional and nonprofessional employees, are also included. This edition is current through August 2026.

Mr. Levin is a leading practitioner and respected expert in the field of school law. In this work, he focuses on variations in the rules based on the nature of the personnel action and the employee's classification, paying special attention to school districts' intermediate unit and vocational-technical school employees. His comprehensive analysis, together with exhaustive citation to judicial and administrative decisions at all levels of review, allows readers easily to distinguish the laws and rules applicable to the facts at hand.

In Practice Notes printed throughout his Text, Mr. Levin shares the fruits of his experience and wealth of knowledge gained over forty-five years of practice. A Text Outline, List of Abbreviations, Appendix of Professional Employee Checklists, Table of Laws and Rules, and comprehensive subject Index are included to facilitate research.

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