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SCHOOLS CORNER

Paying Contractors

On March 27, 2020, the DESE put out an "On The Desktop" notice regarding Payment for Contractual Services (bus contracts). In that message it says "we expect school districts to continue payments for outsourced operational services that are needed to ensure continuity of essential services when schools reopen." It does recommend negotiating changes based on the change in circumstances or services needed.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop.html>

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NMP Welcomes Attorney Brett Sabbag

Norris, Murray & Peloquin, LLC, is pleased to announce that Brett Sabbag, Esquire, has joined the firm as an associate.



Brett brings eight years of experience in the public sector including, most recently, two years as a Staff Attorney for the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). At CBP, Brett was an in-house attorney for the agency, advising agency personnel on labor and employment matters affecting their unionized workforce. In that capacity, Brett helped management interpret collective bargaining agreements, arbitrated contractual grievances and represented the agency before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Merit Systems Protection Board (the federal equivalent of the Civil

Service Commission). Brett also advised the agency on criminal, immigration, and ethics laws. Prior to working for the federal government, Brett was an Assistant District Attorney in the Essex District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted hundreds of cases and took over 50 cases to trial, before both judges and juries.

Brett is a graduate of Colby College (B.A., 2007) and Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2012). While at Suffolk Law, Brett was a staff member on the Transnational Law Review and worked full-time as a legal assistant with the U.S. Department of Justice. Brett is admitted to practice in Massachusetts (2012) and the before United States Supreme Court (2019).

Brett is knowledgeable, easy to work with, and has a great skill set. We are very excited to have him aboard!

COVID-19 Advisors

You may have noticed that NMP has been sending out special weekly COVID-19 Client Advisors by email for clients and posting them on our website. In addition, our website is regularly updated with resources and guidance regarding federal and state legislation, school closures, remote learning, pandemic preparedness and essential services. If you are not receiving these Advisors and would like to be added to our list, please email Julie Pappas at jpappas@nmplabor.com. If you have any topics or areas you would like to see covered in future Advisors, please let us know. You can email Melissa Murray at mmurray@nmplabor.com or speak with your NMP attorney.

See: <https://nmplabor.com/covid-19-resources/>

