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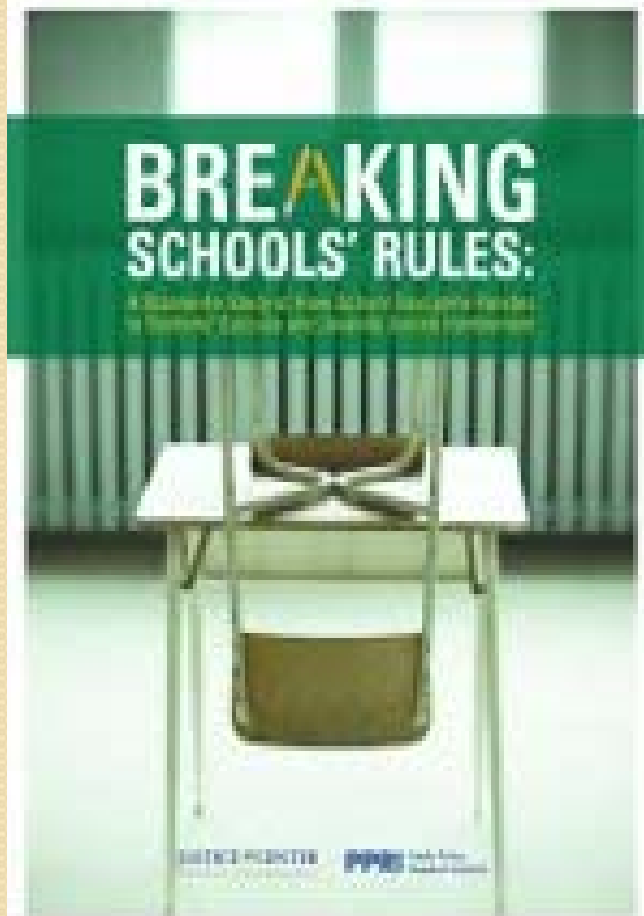
Changing School to Prison to Cradle to College ABA Section on Litigation

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Most Comprehensive Study of School Discipline and Justice Involvement--July 2011



- 1 Million Students
- Multi-year longitudinal study
- Individual School Records
- 80 Variables Analyzed

Important Findings

- 97% of S/E were not violation of state laws.
- AA were S/E at 31% higher rate than others for identical conduct.
- Discretionary S/E were 3 times more likely to be in juvenile justice system.
- Individual Schools working with same resources and student bodies have tremendous power to impact S/E rates.



What Can You Do

- Legislative
 - Assist with legislation regarding discipline code, truancy and tickets.
- Training
 - Teachers, Students & SRO's
 - Positive Behavioral Supports
- Representation
 - Education Plans, Hearings and Appeals
 - Testify at school boards & legislature
 - Advocacy regarding school climate