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With over two decades of legal, policy, and lobbying experience, Reg advises education leaders, national associations, and other stakeholders about the federal laws, regulations, and programs that directly impact and support efforts to expand and improve educational opportunities. Among other laws, he counsels clients about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and the Universal Service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. His current work focuses on federal requirements and programs related to education technology, early learning, accountability and assessment, data use, and educator professional development and preparation.

Reg not only helps education leaders understand and use existing federal law, he also helps them improve federal policies by working effectively with Congress, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Federal Communications Commission. His extensive national education policy experience includes designing and executing successful lobbying campaigns, crafting effective public messaging, building and leading influential coalitions, and informing high stakes rulemaking. Recent examples include successful efforts to expand the Department of Education's student data privacy technical assistance, promoting the availability of funding for open educational resources development and adoption, and championing expanded professional development opportunities for educators and school leaders.

He also frequently speaks at national conferences, moderates discussions among education leaders and experts, and writes about emerging education policy and legal issues. This work includes co-authoring papers that are focused on equipping school leaders to use the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to implement well-rounded educational models; understanding ESSA's diverse needs assessment requirements; properly de-identifying student data; and balancing education accountability, reporting, and student data privacy requirements. Over the past year, he has addressed a number of national conferences, including events sponsored by the National School Boards Association, the Future of Privacy Forum, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Consortium for School Networking, and the State Educational Technology Directors Association.

Prior to co-founding Foresight Law + Policy, Reg practiced education and telecommunications law for over a decade with two national law firms. He also served for eight years on Capitol Hill, most recently as telecommunications, technology, and privacy counsel for U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Ranking Member Bill Nelson of Florida, and earlier as a telecommunications and technology advisor to former Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

Reg received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. and his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He is a member of the Washington, D.C. and Virginia Bars, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals. He lives with his wife and two children in Arlington, Virginia.