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Since 1999, when his son Edward was diagnosed with autism, Ed has become a leading education law attorney representing families in CPSE and CSE meetings, impartial hearings and special education litigation as a Parent Advocate and/or attorney.

He has lectured on special education topics including "How to effectively work with your School District to obtain Special Education Services for your child" and "Special Education: One Parent's Perspective." His lectures have been presented at the Long Island Autism Fair, the Lindenhurst Union Free School District, the Cody Center for Autism, the South Huntington Union Free School District, the Three Village School District SEPTA, the South Country SEPTA, West Islip SEPTA, the Lawrence UFSD SEPTA and the Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Association (AHA), Inc.

Ed is a Trustee of the South Huntington Union Free School District Board of Education; a Member of the Board of Directors and Fundraising Committee for the Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Association (AHA), Inc.; a Member of the Review Board of One150media.com; the Chairperson of the Special Needs Faith Formation Committee at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church; and a coach for the Special Needs CYO Soccer and Challenger baseball programs in South Huntington, New York. He was the Past Chair of the Fundraising Committee of the Cody Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University.

In February, Ed's essay about starting a special needs baseball program, "*Today I bought a mitt*", was published by the Suffolk Lawyer.

Ed was honored by the American Dance Theatre of Long Island on October 1, 2010 at its 10th Anniversary Gala as the recipient of the ADTLI Director's Award which is presented to an individual who shares ADTLI's vision and passion to "give back" to charitable causes benefitting children, families, communities and society by contributing time and talent to make a difference, across Long Island, in the lives of others well beyond the art of dance.