



# *School Law's Evolution – Reflections of a Texas School Lawyer*

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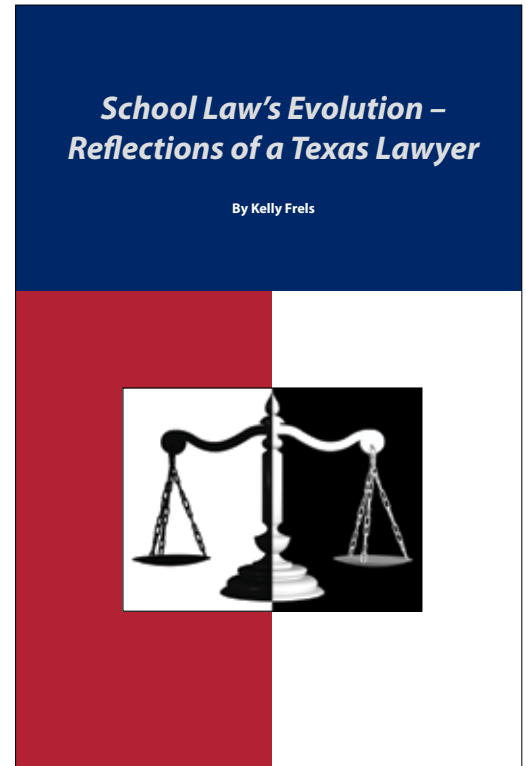
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- Changes in the role of parents, school administration and governance, finance, effects of state and national legislation
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