

# FUNDAMENTAL LAW SOURCES AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES

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## 4.1 OVERVIEW

So that you can fully appreciate the source and interplay of the legal materials you will encounter throughout this book—or have meaningful discussions with legal counsel or even at conferences—Section 4.2 provides a general overview of the legal universe in which educational institutions function. This overview summarizes each of the major sources of law that may be relevant to the preventive law problems educational administrators encounter. Along the way, the discussion identifies some of the key issues confronting those who analyze problems in terms of a particular law source.

Section 4.3 then provides concrete examples of how the different law sources operate and interact. Section 4.3 does this by exploring three case studies of special relevance to those who work for educational institutions.