

JENNIFER HANSEN & LARA CLEARY

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Jennifer Hansen and Lara Cleary are the founding partners of Hansen & Cleary, LLC, a law firm dedicated to advocating for children with disabilities and supporting families navigating complex special education and disability law matters. Together, they bring a shared commitment to compassionate, strategic representation grounded in deep respect for the families they serve.

For Lara Cleary, the work is rooted in perspective shaped by building something from the ground up. Reflecting on the firm's beginnings in 2017, she shares, "It was both exciting and intimidating. Leaving behind a comfortable situation to build something new took a leap of faith, and like any new business owners, we worried about whether we would have enough clients to succeed." She says the firm's growth has been sustained by client trust and referrals. Adding, "The heart of our success is our clients whose resilience and advocacy for their children inspire me daily."

Jennifer Hansen brings a deeply reflective approach shaped by years of practice. She explains that the profession has taught her lessons that extend far beyond the law. She says, "Listening to clients is usually more valuable than speaking. Validating a client's concerns can bring them the comfort that they are seeking." She adds that emotions often drive decisions more than logic alone and conflict is expensive in ways money cannot measure, underscoring the importance of resolution, empathy, and perspective in legal advocacy.

Together, Hansen and Cleary center their practice on listening, understanding, and guiding families through challenging systems with clarity and care. Their work reflects a shared belief that effective advocacy requires not only legal expertise, but also patience, compassion, and a commitment to helping families move forward with confidence.

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