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## ❖ MICHAEL ESCALANTE, Ed.D - Partner

### Biographical Information

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- Dr. Michael Escalante served as superintendent of the Glendale Unified School District in Los Angeles County and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District in North Orange County for a total of 13 years, 6 ½ in each district.
- During Dr. Escalante's career he has served as assistant superintendent of business, and principal at the elementary, middle and twice at the high school levels. He has also taught at the elementary, high school and university levels.
- Dr. Escalante earned his BA from San Diego State University, a masters in education degree from Loyola Marymount University and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.
- Currently, Dr. Escalante serves as a professor of clinical education at the University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education. He currently teaches several courses in educational leadership and has responsibility for chairing doctoral dissertations. Dr. Escalante's current academic interest is in the area of building effective board/superintendent relationships, and the effects of globalization on school policy. He has lead several international doctoral research teams to Costa Rica and Ireland.
- Dr. Escalante comes from a family of public school educators. His mother served as a teacher, principal and school board member in Hawthorne Elementary School District, and his father, a small business owner, served for 16 years on the Board of Education of the Centinela Valley Union High School District.
- Dr. Escalante has been involved in his communities in Rotary International, Optimist International, Boy Scouts, and YMCA, and was honored five times with Parent Teacher Association Honorary and Continuing Service awards.
- During Dr. Escalante's 38-year career in public education, he has served in professional organizations including Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), The USC Dean/Superintendent Advisory Committee Southern (DSAG), Southern California Superintendents, Urban Superintendent Dialogue, Educational Research Development Institute (ERDI), California Latino Superintendents' and Administrators' Association (CALSA), Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS), and even California Teachers' Association (CTA), where he served as President of the Hawthorne Teachers' Association.
- Dr. Escalante's two sons are graduates of California State University, Fullerton.