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Josh received his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a double minor in Spanish and Professional Writing. Josh served as the Comments Editor for the San Diego International Law Journal and the Treasurer and Secretary for the University of San Diego School of Law's Advocates for Children and Education. While in law school, Josh was a research assistant for Vice Dean Margaret Dalton and a law clerk for the University of San Diego School of Law's Education and Disability Clinic, the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program's Education Law Advocacy Project, and the San Diego Unified School District.