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Lawyer weighs in on Prospect High expulsion

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Brooke R. Whitted knows more than enough about school law to offer an opinion on the Prospect High School expulsion case.

As the Chicago lawyer said last week, as the Prospect case made headlines again, "I've been suing school districts for 19 years."

Before that, Whitted was a Cook County juvenile probation officer in a territory that sometimes brought him in contact with Northwest Suburban High School District 214.

"This is a very good district, that's what surprises me about this," he said. "There's no reason why this couldn't have been handled right."

Whitted has acquaintances on both sides in the case that was before Cook County Circuit Judge Albert Green, who has granted the expelled student a new hearing. The 15-year-old and two other football players are accused of sexually assaulting a teammate in the locker room.

Whitted knows Patricia Tedaldi, the dean who investigated the case, and the student's attorney, Steven Glink, used to work for Whitted. Meanwhile, the next hearing in the

criminal case against the three students is July 21.



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