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Prior to joining Foresight Elliot was the senior vice president for advocacy and policy at a major national early learning non-profit; before that he worked for six years in education at two national law firms, after serving as Director of Education Reform for the State of Illinois. Elliot holds a bachelor of arts in history from Columbia University and a law degree from the University of Michigan, where he was the Executive Note Editor on the *Michigan Law Review*. After law school he clerked for the Hon. Kenneth F. Ripple on the United State Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is an active member of the Illinois bar and an inactive member of the New Mexico bar.