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Dr. Michelle Gough, J.D., Ph.D., LL.M., is an accomplished attorney, civil rights advocate, and educational policy scholar with extensive leadership experience across government agencies, nonprofits, and EdTech organizations. Her multidisciplinary expertise spans education law, policy development, compliance, ethics, and organizational strategy.

Dr. Gough holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University, a Ph.D. in Education Policy from Indiana University Bloomington, and a J.D. from Indiana University Bloomington Maurer School of Law. Her award-winning dissertation was recognized with the Joseph C. Beckham award from the Education Law Association.

Dr. Gough has held several distinguished leadership positions, including Agency Head at South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Head of Legal at Ellevation Education, Director of Policy for the Indiana Charter School Board, General Counsel for the Indiana State Board of Education and Indiana Department of Education, and assistant professor of Education Studies at DePauw University.

Dr. Gough has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on law and education policy. Her work on gender in education has been cited in the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender, the New York University Journal of Law & Social Change, and the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice, among others. An experienced presenter, Dr. Gough has been invited to speak at numerous local and national conferences and Continuing Legal Education events.

As General Counsel for SchoolStatus, Dr. Gough applies her extensive background in education and law to support SchoolStatus' mission to empower the educational ecosystem and impact positive, student-centered educational outcomes. With her unique combination of legal expertise, policy knowledge, and operational leadership, Dr. Gough continues to advocate for equitable, effective educational systems while helping organizations navigate complex legal and ethical challenges in the education sector.

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