



August 23, 2019

SCSBA Council of School Attorneys

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. **A Litigator's Toolkit: School Lawyer Edition**
School lawyers face a vast variety of litigation disciplines in their practice. From employment suits to due process proceedings to tort litigation—school lawyers must diversify their litigation capabilities. This presentation will provide a toolkit for school lawyers to consider when faced with atypical litigation situations. Issues such as testimony from minors, FERPA's subpoena implications, or the breadth of the attorney-client relationship during a lawsuit versus as general counsel, can have a major impact on how a case arrives at resolution. Anticipating specific school law litigation issues can provide a strategic sword or shield against even the sharpest of opponents.
Presenter: Alex Sherard, Esquire, White & Story, LLC.
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **FERPA Reheated, with a Side of SC**
Over the last several months, NSBA's COSA resources have been full of materials addressing FERPA, videotapes, and law enforcement officials, as well as how to balance those obligations with school safety and transparency concerns. In this session, the presenter will examine these topics in light of state statutes and the practices of our local school districts.
Presenter: Meredith Seibert, Esquire, Lexington One School District
- 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. **Do You Have Any IDEA About the Special Education Matters in SC?**
This session will provide an update relative to the lawsuit with the United States Department of Education regarding our state's compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other recent IDEA-related matters.
Presenter: Barbara Drayton, Esquire, SC Department of Education
- 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch & Learn (included in registration)
I Did Not See That Coming!
During lunch, attendees will discuss issues that have arisen across the state that have legal and policy implications for school districts.
Presenter: Dr. Tiffany N. Richardson, Esquire, SC School Boards Association



- 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. **The Opioid Crisis and Its Effect on Communities and Schools**
The opioid crisis is nationwide, growing daily, and does not discriminate on the basis of geography, race, sex, age, or socio-economic status. In this presentation, attendees will learn about various aspects of the opioid crisis, including drugs being used, the most current overdose statistics for South Carolina, trends in misuse, and other enlightening statistics. Attendees will also learn about the practical realities of opioid addiction, how they affect our students, employees, and communities, and emerging trends in schools across the nation (K-12 and higher education) for dealing with these issues.
Presenters: Darra James Coleman, Esquire, SC Department of LLR
Allison A. Hanna, Esquire, Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.
- 2:15 - 2:30p.m. Break
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Identifying and Addressing Workplace Bullying**
This interactive workshop will define workplace bullying, discuss the effects bullying has on the workplace, and provide strategies employers can use to confront and prevent bullying at work.
Presenter: Lisa R. Claxton, Esquire, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. **The View from Washington: What Every School Lawyer Should Know**
The National School Boards Association's Sonja Trainor shares trends and opines on the activity in Washington on hot topics such as the reauthorization of the IDEA and the proposed rule on Title IX. She will also discuss key rulings and pending cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts and their implications for public schools. The presentation will also review federal laws and regulations that have changed over the past year.
Presenter: Sonja Trainor, Esquire, National School Boards Association
- 4:30 p.m. Closing remarks and Adjournment