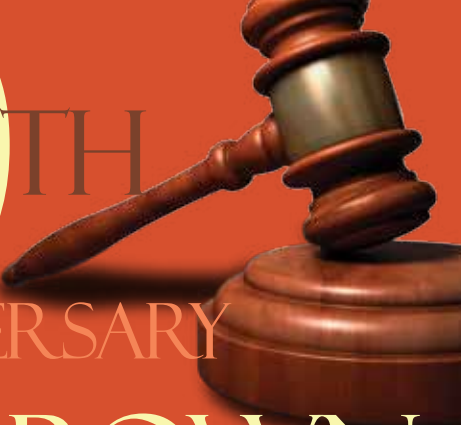


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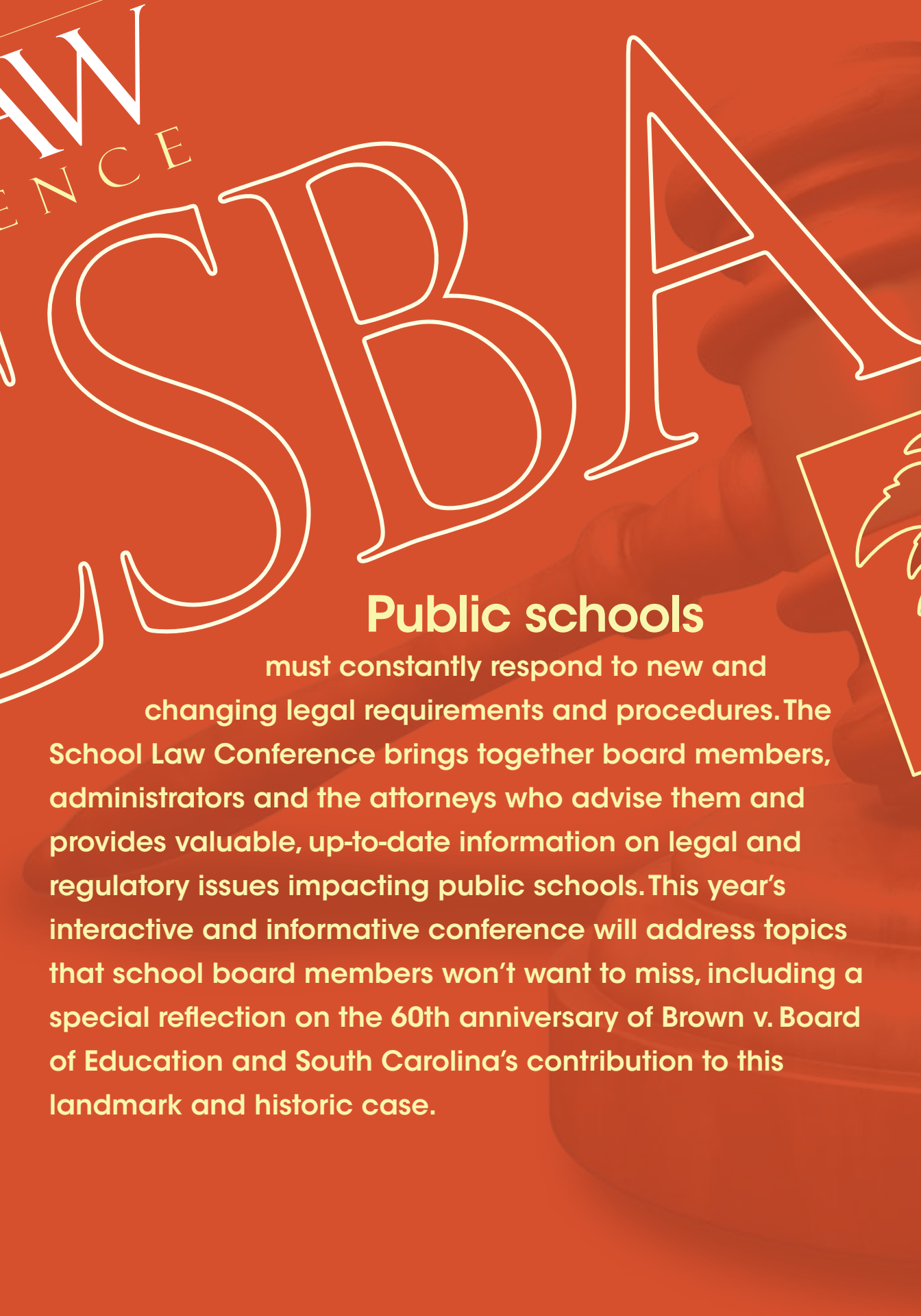
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Public schools

must constantly respond to new and changing legal requirements and procedures. The School Law Conference brings together board members, administrators and the attorneys who advise them and provides valuable, up-to-date information on legal and regulatory issues impacting public schools. This year's interactive and informative conference will address topics that school board members won't want to miss, including a special reflection on the 60th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education and South Carolina's contribution to this landmark and historic case.

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objectives

- Increase understanding of federal and state laws governing school boards and districts
- Present recent legal changes affecting school boards and districts
- Clarify the legal roles and responsibilities of board members on specialized topics

SCSBA will apply for CLE credit for attorneys in attendance.

boardmanship

15 points, 7 hours

registration

The registration fee for SCSBA members is \$185 per person, which includes Saturday lunch. Registration for all others is \$285 per person. Additional guest lunch tickets are available for \$30 each. Guest lunch ticket purchases and/or special dietary requests can be made on the registration form. The deadline for cancellations is August 8, 2014. No refunds will be made after this date.

School board members and district administrators must register through the board secretary and associate members must register through their

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company contact assigned by SCSBA. Registrations by individual members are not accepted to prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing and credit card charges.

location

The Marriott at Grande Dunes is located at 8400 Costa Verde Drive in Myrtle Beach. A nightly room rate of \$129 for single/double occupancy, plus tax and fees, is available through August 1, 2014, or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Hotel reservations will be accepted by emailing or faxing the Hotel Reservation Form. The reservation process, including instructions and forms, are available at scsba.org.

dress code

Dress code throughout the conference is casual. Dressing in layers is recommended, as some meeting rooms may be a little cool.

sat., aug. 23

8:30-9 a.m.

Registration and continental breakfast

Co-sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC

9-10:30 a.m.

First general session

Welcome and purpose

ElizaBeth Branham, Esq.,
SCSBA President, Lexington Two Board Member

Federal overview and court

update: Learn about recent key rulings and pending cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts and their implications for public schools.

Francisco Negron, Jr., Esq., *Associate Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, National School Boards Association*

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Beverage break

Co-sponsored by Duff, White & Turner, LLC

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Second general session

Think your way to success, part 1: Tap your knee with one of those little rubber medical hammers and like clockwork, the leg kicking up will be the reflex. According to emerging neuroscience, our brains can respond by reflex when there is a need to form a judgment and make a decision. The mental hammers eliciting those reflexes involve unconscious attitudes we don't know exist. Learn the differences between decision making by unconscious reflex versus decisions made with deliberation and reflection and how those differences can mean better decisions and provide value to our board teams and the school district.

Sarah E. Redfield, Esq., *Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire*

12-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (included in registration)

Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Breakout sessions (choose 1 of 3)

1. Think your way to success, part 2

Sarah E. Redfield, Esq., *Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire*

2. Finance options for school construction:

Participants will examine the impact of the Supreme Court's majority opinion in *Home Builders Assoc. of S.C. v. School District No. 2 of Dorchester County* as it may impact future legislation authorizing sales taxes for school building programs, alternatives to special legislation, related action taken in the 2014 Session of the General Assembly, and discuss current and proposed means for funding school building projects. The newly-effective federal rules regarding financial advisors will also be briefly addressed.

Theodore B. DuBose, Attorney, *Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.*

Toya H. Green, Attorney, *Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.*

3. The board's role in employee grievances and complaints process:

This interactive session will provide an overview on employee grievances and complaints. Participants will be asked to discuss and react to several scenarios in which an employee is addressing the board.

Andrea E. White, Esq., *Duff, White & Turner, LLC*

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Beverage break

Co-sponsored by Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.

2:45-3:45 p.m.

Breakout sessions (choose 1 of 4)

1. Legal updates and trends boards should know:

As education leaders, board members must be aware of court cases affecting public school districts. In this session presenters will review recent cases, address various hot topics in school law, and highlight current litigation trends.

Allison Aiken Hanna, Esq., *Childs & Halligan, P.A.*

Kimberly Kelley Blackburn, Esq., *Childs & Halligan, P.A.*

Jasmine Rogers Drain, Esq., *Childs & Halligan, P.A.*

sun., aug. 24

2. **Guidance on disciplinary issues for special needs and regular students:**

Learn the "Jack and Jill" case study and test your knowledge of disciplining both a regular education student and a special needs student, when the allegation of misconduct is the same for both students. Learn how to identify the primary considerations necessary to discipline a regular education student and a special needs student.

Deidre D. Laws, Esq., *Boykin & Davis, LLC*
Ralph J. Smiley, Esq., *Boykin & Davis, LLC*

3. **South Carolina's legal battle to preserve IDEA funding:**

After the great recession, the U.S. Department of Education threatened to withhold \$36 million in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds from South Carolina for its failure to meet the State Level Maintenance of Effort. Against all odds, the legal team at the State Department of Education (SDE) fought back and won a landmark case that grants hearing rights to states receiving IDEA funds. Learn the background, steps and ruling of the case and its impact.

Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esq., *General Counsel, State Department of Education*

4. **Effective policies in the schoolhouse to keep boards out of the courthouse:**

In this interactive session, participants will learn about common policy missteps that keep boards entangled in litigation.

Tiffany Richardson, Esq., *SCSBA Director of Policy and Legal Services*
Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, *Superintendent, Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three*

4-5 p.m.

SC Caucus of Black School Board

Members meeting: *This meeting is open to all participants.*

8-8:30 a.m.

Registration and continental breakfast

Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Third general session

State superintendent of education

candidates debate: Listen to the candidates running for state superintendent of education debate public education issues submitted by school board members in an interactive debate. All candidates have been invited and include:

Ed Murray, *American Party candidate*
Tom Thompson, *Democratic candidate*
Molly Spearman, *Republican candidate*

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Closing general session: The 60th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education and South Carolina's contribution to the historic case as memorialized by Jonathan Green's painting, "Breath of Freedom."

Kenneth L. Childs, Esq., *Childs & Halligan, P.A.*
Jonathan Green, *Artist*

11 a.m.

Closing remarks

ElizaBeth Branham, Esq.,
SCSBA President,
Lexington Two Board
Member



Upcoming events

Boot Camp for Up and Coming Board Chairs

October 8, Columbia, SCSBA Training Center

Risky Business Seminar: SCSBIT's Workers' Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance Trust Seminar

October 15-17, Myrtle Beach, Marriott at Grande Dunes

Legislative Advocacy Conference & Annual Business Meeting

December 5-7, Hilton Head, Sonesta

Annual Convention, New Board Orientation, Board Chair Workshop

February 19-22, 2015, Myrtle Beach, Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation

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