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LAW
CONFERENCE

A TWO-DAY
ONLINE
EVENT



Agenda

Friday, August 21

9 - 10:15 a.m.

Opening session

Greetings from the SCSBA Executive Director

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

Welcome and purpose

Chuck Saylors, *SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools*

The National School Law Docket: A survey of selected cases from the NSBA Legal Advocacy Agenda

Join NSBA's Managing Director of Legal Advocacy Sonja Trainor for a survey of the NSBA School Law Docket. This dynamic session will include a look at three significant cases issued by the Court this year and examine their impact on public schools. From employment to vouchers to immigration, this view at the national school law landscape is essential for lawyers, administrators, and school board members.

Sonja H. Trainor, *Managing Director of Legal Advocacy, National School Boards Association*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Break

Co-sponsored by Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Second session

Off-Campus Speech: School disruption

Technology is an ever-progressing field that offers students and employees creative ways to freely engage with their peers. Social media is often used as an outlet to express beliefs, opinions, concerns and values in response to social issues. While social media provides opportunities to engage in healthy discussion and debate, sometimes conflict can arise. Such conflict, which occurs away from the school environment, can enter the classroom and cause disruption in the educational environment. Come hear what the courts have to say about student and employee discipline regarding off-campus speech. During this session, you will also learn more about the legal and social implications of off-campus speech and explore districts' options

in addressing the behavior, while minimizing disruption to school operations and the education of students.

Charles J. Boykin, *Partner, Boykin & Davis, LLC*

Tierney F. Dukes, *Associate Attorney, Boykin & Davis, LLC*

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Lunch Break**

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. **Third session**

So you want to play sports (and other extracurriculars) during a pandemic?

Discuss best practices for beginning sports and other extracurricular activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically, you'll learn best tips and practices regarding South Carolina High School League guidance, including what you *must* implement and what you *should* implement. Get answers to your questions about Assumption of Risk Waivers, required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and funding for PPE.

Molly Flynn, *Associate Attorney, White & Story, LLC*

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Break**

Co-sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Fourth session**

Employee and student legal issues arising out of the pandemic

Spend the afternoon hearing a thorough review of COVID-19 emergency employment laws and back-to-work issues for employees and students.

Tom Barlow, *Partner, Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

2:30 p.m. **Announcements**

Chuck Saylor, *SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools*

Saturday, August 22

9 - 10:15 a.m. **Fifth session**

Opening remarks

Chuck Saylor, *SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools*

Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Come hear an overview of the lawsuit with the United States Department of Education regarding our state's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Barbara A. Drayton, *Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel,
South Carolina Department of Education*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Break

Co-sponsored by Morton & Gettys, Attorneys at Law

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sixth session

What do the new Title IX regulations mean for school districts?

Learn how the new Title IX regulations will impact school districts, with a focus on how schools should handle sexual harassment and sexual assault allegations.

David Lyon, Partner, Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.

11:30 – 11:40 a.m.

Break

11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Closing session

2020 Legislative update

In early March, the House passed its version of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 state budget, and the Senate finally passed and sent to the House an omnibus education bill after eight weeks of gridlock. But shortly after, the governor ordered the shutdown of non-essential businesses to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus pandemic and everything stopped. Get an overview of the legislative session so far and hear a discussion about what is still “on the table” when lawmakers return in September to complete work on a new state budget.

Debbie Elmore, Director of Governmental Relations, SCSBA

12:40 p.m.

Closing remarks

Chuck Saylors, SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools

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