



Agenda

August 9, 2024

SCSBA School Attorneys Association

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **What Passed the Legislative Finish Line in 2024?**

Attendees will get an overview of K-12 bills of note that were signed into law during the 2024 legislative session and which ones might get picked up again with the start of the 126th General Assembly in 2025.

Presenter: Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Responding to Teacher Shortages: International Exchange Programs and J-1 Visas**

This session will provide a basic exploration of the J-1 Visa process. Attendees will also gain insight into the pros/cons of the program as well as immigration options for employing foreign teachers once their J-1 visa programs are over or when they want to end the contract with the J-1 sponsor.

Presenter: Lee Gibbs Depret-Bixio, Esq., Ogletree Deakins

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break/Snack

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Rose, Bud, Thorn: Reflections and Strategies for Attorney Well-being**

This session will provide participants with strategies to build resilience using the Rose-Thorn-Bud methodology to reflect on experiences and foster personal growth, creating a path to improved mental health and well-being.

Presenter: Lindsay Anne Joyner, Esq., Gallivan, White & Boyd P.A.

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (included in registration)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Hot Topics: Title IX Changes, Curriculum and Instruction, Teacher Contracts, Library Book Challenges, IG Investigations, and More . . .**

In this session participants will examine topics that are the focus of most education discussions around our state. We will tackle policy and legal implications for school districts, practical application, and brainstorm strategies for moving our districts forward.

Moderator: Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esq., SCSBA General Counsel

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Ethics: Supervisory Responsibility Considerations**

This session will address the supervisory responsibilities under Rules 5.1 and 5.3 SCRPC, and Rule 407 SCACR. Participants will review the duties imposed by the rules and have practical discussion of what systems should be implemented to ensure that (1) staff is aware of the obligations and prohibitions under the RPC, and (2) the partner/head of a legal department or supervisory lawyer is able to properly manage so that they will know when a RPC has been violated, can take steps to ameliorate the damage or prejudice caused by that violation, and prevent it from happening again in the future.

Presenter: Amie L. Clifford, Esq., South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Federal Case Law Update**

In this presentation, attendees will take an in-depth look at Federal and US Supreme Court decisions affecting public schools from this past year. Attendees will explore the arguments proffered, opinions of the court, and examine the legal and policy implications at the local level.

Presenter: Jonathan L. Mayes, Esq., Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks, Evaluations, and Adjournment

*Please join your fellow school attorneys for our annual Happy Hour starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Aqua Terrace Roof-Top Bar located at this hotel. *This event is sponsored by the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust (SCSBIT).*