



# Agenda

**August 22, 2025**

## **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 2025?**

Attendees will receive an overview of K-12 bills of note that were signed into law during the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's 2025 legislative session, as well as those that may be revisited in the 2026 legislative session.

*Presenter: Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations*

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **IDEA 2025: News, Updates, and Information you need to know!**

This session will provide an overview of the latest developments, proposed changes, and what is still up in the air regarding the continued implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other laws that impact the education of students with disabilities.

*Presenter: Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, South Carolina State Department of Education*

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break/Snack

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Federal Case Law Update**

This session will provide insight into the evolving federal law landscape and recent key court decisions, including rulings from this momentous SCOTUS term. This presentation will delve into key executive orders enacted in 2025, their current status, and key developments, including any challenges or judicial actions that have shaped their execution.

*Presenter: Sonja Trainor, Executive Director, National School Attorneys Association*

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

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **The 2025 Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act: Constitutional Challenges and Legal Implications, and the Growing Threat to Public Education**

This presentation will explore the recently enacted South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act, a significant piece of legislation aimed at reforming educational funding through scholarship vouchers. This presentation will explore the Act's framework and objectives and delve into the legal challenges that are likely to

arise against this Act, considering the precedent set by recent rulings from our state's Supreme Court that deemed the previous two voucher laws unconstitutional.

*Presenter: Derek Black, Esquire, Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law*

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.     **Artificial Intelligence in Education: Implications for School Districts**

This presentation explores the growing role of artificial intelligence in K-12 education and its legal implications for school districts. Topics include the integration of AI tools in teaching and learning, potential impacts on student assessment, data privacy concerns, workforce considerations, and equity challenges. The session aims to inform attendees about both the opportunities and risks associated with the adoption of AI in schools and to encourage thoughtful and ethical implementation strategies.

*Presenters: Michael Davidson and Dylan Crosland, White & Story*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.     Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.     **Cracker Barrel: Questions and Concerns from the Field**

Attendees will have the opportunity to share and gain valuable insights from one another as we discuss current legal challenges impacting schools.

*Facilitator: Dr. Tiffany Richardson, Richland School District One*

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