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► The legal issues involved when working with Child Protective Services in child abuse investigations
► An understanding of how bullying affects special education liability
► How student use of heroin affects school responsibilities
► What is old and new with collective bargaining
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20th Annual Pre-Convention School Law Seminar

Agenda

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Introduction and Welcome

Jay Worona, Esq., Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel, NYSSBA
Joseph G. Shields, Esq., President, NYSASA

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Restorative Practices and Other Intervention Strategies in School Settings – What Are They? How Do They Work?

School disciplinary policies can have unintended consequences that affect the ability of some students to complete their education. Also, school suspensions and involvement with the juvenile justice system based on school misconduct can result in lower academic achievement, higher truancy and dropout rates. Hear about restorative strategies that can help students returning from suspensions or arrest detentions get back on track, stay in school and out of court, and become productive members of society. Learn also how these strategies can reduce the risk of litigation based on discipline policies with a disproportionate discriminatory effect.

Kathleen DeCataldo, Executive Director, NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children; Thomas Andriola, Chief of Policy and Implementation, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Laurence Spring, Superintendent, Schenectady City School District; Fawaz Odesanya, Brooklyn High School Student and Youth Leader, Future of Tomorrow and Jameal Burgess, Lead Youth Organizer, Future of Tomorrow

Moderator: Jay Worona, Esq., Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel, NYSSBA

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. • BREAK

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
A Stateside Perspective – The State of Education in New York

Join a conversation with representatives from the State Education Department regarding the key educational issues currently before the Board of Regents and the commissioner of education. What new initiatives are they considering? Learn how their ongoing deliberations are likely to reshape the future of public education and school district responsibilities throughout New York.

TBD, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner of Education for Legal Affairs, NYS Education Department and Jhone Ebert, Esq., Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy, NYS Education Department

Moderator: Kathy A. Ahearn, Esq., Partner, Guercio & Guercio, LLP

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
Knock Knock, Who’s There? Child Protective Services, Can We Come In?

Review the legal issues involved when child protective agencies and law enforcement investigators want to interview students in school or remove them from school grounds. Are there any procedures school officials should follow before allowing such contact? Does it make a difference if the investigators are from child protective services or police officials? What are the potential sources of liability for school districts in such situations? Learn how to navigate the delicate balance involved in protecting students from harm while preserving their legal rights.

Joseph G. Shields, Esq., Partner, Ferrara Fiorenza P.C. and Frank W. Miller, Esq., The Frank W. Miller Law Firm

Moderator: Michael K. Lambert, Esq., Partner, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert LLP

11:30 a.m. – Noon
IDEA Meets Bullying – A Changing Landscape in Special Education Liability

A federal appellate court with jurisdiction over New York has ruled that bullying can affect the ability of students with disabilities to obtain a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Review how that decision affects the responsibilities of committees on special education. How does it expand the potential for school district liability under the IDEA? Explore what changes districts might need to make to their general anti-bullying policies and procedures.

Andrew J. Freedman, Esq., Partner, Hodgson Russ LLP and Jeffrey J. Weiss, Esq., Partner, Harris Beach PLLC

Moderator: Tara L. Moffett, Esq., Partner, Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. • LUNCH

1:00 – 1:50 p.m.
Student Use of Heroin and other Drugs – The Legal Issues and More

Heroin use by school age children is on the rise. Are school districts required to report such use by their own students? Would a school district be liable for the overdose of one of its students while under school supervision? Do confidentiality rules apply when students share drug abuse information with school staff? Is student drug testing an option for school districts facing an existing or emerging heroin crisis in their schools? Find out the answers to these questions and more. Learn of possible resources within your community and how to work with other agencies and organizations, including parent groups.

Laura J. Granelli, Esq., Partner, Jaspan Schlesinger LLP and Thomas M. Volz, Esq., Law Offices of Thomas M. Volz PLLC

Moderator: Howard M. Miller, Esq., Partner, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC

1:50 – 2:00 p.m. • BREAK

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Collective Bargaining – What is Old, What is New?

Join a discussion led by seasoned negotiators regarding current patterns and emerging issues in school district negotiations. Also examine how collective bargaining has changed in the past 20 years since this Pre-Convention School Law Seminar first started. What are some of the lessons learned? How can those lessons help school districts now and in the future? Bring questions and find answers that can help your district better prepare for successful bargaining.


Moderator: Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Partner, Lamb & Barnosky LLP

3:00 – 4:10 p.m.

Catch up on this past year’s federal and state legislative and regulatory activities, policy developments and court and administrative rulings affecting the operation of school districts across the state. How have they changed the day-to-day responsibilities of school boards and their staff?

Pilar Sokol, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, NYSSBA and Kimberly A. Fanniff, Esq., Senior Staff Counsel, NYSSBA

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