



ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW SEMINAR • AGENDA
June 10, 2022

CASB Office
2253 S. Oneida St. in Denver, CO

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:55 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m. Overview of 2022 Legislative Session

Sam Jones-Rogers, Esq., Director of Legal Services, CASB

Michelle Murphy, Esq., Executive Director, Colorado Rural Schools Alliance

This session will discuss the bills passed by the 2022 Colorado General Assembly and their implications for school districts, as well as a preview of ballot initiatives for the November 2022 election.

10:00 a.m. So You've Been Grieved: Practical Advice for Handling OARC Complaints

Tim O'Neill, Esq., General Counsel, St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J

This session will provide an introduction to the OARC process—including jurisdiction, who makes complaints, and the intake process—and explore formal proceedings from the Attorney Regulation Committee Review through resolution at the trial level and trial.

11:00 a.m. Best Practices in Public Comment

Sonja McKenzie, Esq., General Counsel, Office of Legal Services, Cherry Creek School District No. 5

Michelle Murphy, Esq., Executive Director, Colorado Rural Schools Alliance

Kathleen Sullivan, Esq., Legal Counsel, Boulder Valley School District

This panel will share and answer questions regarding best practices for school boards and counsel to manage public participation and comments during school board meetings.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. From Book Bans to CRT: Academic Standards Versus Curriculum

Joe Peters, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, K-12 Education, Office of the Attorney General, State Services Section

Jenna Zerylnick, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, K-12 Education, Office of the Attorney General, State Services Section

This session will explore recent issues involving the regulation of academic content—such as school boards banning books and legislative bans on teaching certain subjects—and the difficulties of building the content standards into the Public School Finance regulations.

2:30 p.m. Litigation Update & Roundtable

All are invited to share recent litigation experiences and practice issues.

This session is an opportunity for school attorneys to discuss recent cases or developments of interest, including, but not limited to:

- [***Demanding Integrity Gov't Spending v. Boulder County, 2022CV30101 \(Mar. 28, 2022\)***](#): Whether the OML confers standing on any citizen of Colorado to assert that any local public body violated the OML.
- **Title IX**: How are districts setting up or organizing their Title IX Departments? Who is serving as the Title IX Coordinator(s) and Investigator(s)? How do these roles interact with legal and how are conflicts avoided?
 - Possible new proposed Title IX regulations
- [***SB21-088 - Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Act***](#): Last year the Colorado legislature passed SB21-088, which created a statutory cause of action for a victim of sexual misconduct when the victim was a minor against the actor who committed the sexual misconduct and against an organization that operates or manages a youth-related activity or program if the sexual misconduct occurred while the victim was participating in a youth-related activity or program and the organization knew or should have known of a risk of sexual misconduct and did not take action to address the risks or warn participants.

A few school districts are already seeing claims related to this bill;
how are these districts approaching litigation?

This time is also for attendees to discuss cases that they have litigated
involving their school district clients or to share and resolve practice issues.

3:30 p.m. Bylaws Presentation

3:45 p.m. Adjournment

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