New developments, trends, and cutting-edge issues

If you are involved with public schools, you understand the importance of education—including the need to educate yourself on a continuing basis regarding new developments in the field. The pace of change can be dizzying: within the brief span of a year, new laws and regulations, new judicial and administrative decisions, and innovative educational policies can transform the school-related scene. To make sure that you stay current on all of the latest topics, don’t miss MCLE’s 13th Annual School Law Conference. At this advanced-level Conference, experienced attorneys and other professionals distill the most significant developments of the preceding year into a thought-provoking, information-packed day for you. The keynote presentation on cracking the code of problematic student behavior features a child psychiatrist and an educator who bring a fresh, creative approach to a phenomenon that cuts across all grade, age, and economic levels in schools. In the panels that follow, knowledgeable practitioners illuminate leading-edge subjects such as the comprehensive educator evaluation systems that all Massachusetts districts must develop before the next school year starts, and the groundbreaking legislation that reforms the state disciplinary laws by requiring access to education even during periods of exclusion from school.

Whether you represent school districts, school employees, or parents and students, the Conference is invaluable to your practice. The Conference is also interesting and thought-provoking for educational advocates and educators. Lawyers and non-lawyers alike gain essential, up-to-the-minute information on the latest issues and trends—all presented by experts within a practical context, including tips that you can use immediately.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- Dr. Nancy Rappaport
- Jessica Minahan

**AGENDA**

- **NEW this year—**
  - Massachusetts’ new law regarding exclusion from school and access to education
  - Grading the teacher: what you need to know about educator evaluation systems

1. **Welcome and Introduction**
   9:00 A.M. – 9:10 A.M.

2. **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: The Behavior Code: Addressing the Needs of the Most Challenging Students**
   9:10 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

3. **Panel Discussion: ABCs of Advocacy Using the Behavior Code**
   10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

4. **Networking and Refreshment Break**
   10:45 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

5. **Education Law Update 2013**
   12:00 NOON - 1:00 P.M.

6. **Lunch Break (on your own)**
   1:00 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

7. **Grading the Teacher: What You Need to Know About Educator Evaluation Systems**
   2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

8. **Networking and Refreshment Break**
   2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

   3:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

10. **“Ask the Experts” Q&A Session**

11. **Reception for Faculty & Registrants**

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