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# 24th Annual School Law Conference 2024

*The latest on issues affecting schools, educators, students and parents*

School law is a comprehensive and constantly evolving field. Keeping up with the flood of new developments presents a greater challenge than ever for busy practitioners. MCLE's 24th Annual School Law Conference 2024 examines the latest transformations and trends in school-related laws, regulations, policies, and practices. Experienced attorneys and other school-related professionals distill the most significant updates of the preceding year into a single day of practical information and lively discussion.

The Conference offers a comprehensive review of developments in the law through court cases, BSEA decisions, legislation, and regulatory changes. Hear seasoned attorneys offer up-to-date advice on cutting-edge topics. You can participate online or enjoy the opportunity for networking in person. Whether you represent school districts, school employees, or parents and students, the Conference is a necessity for your practice.

## Agenda

- **On the Frontlines: Handling Hot-Button Issues in Schools**
  - Public meetings; academic freedom; challenges to curriculum; book banning; free speech; school nursing services; vaccines; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and social-emotional learning
- **Education Law Update 2024: The Latest from the BSEA, Courts, Legislature, DESE, and USDOE**
- **Getting to Yes (and Then Writing It Up): Negotiating and Drafting Settlement Agreements in Special Education Cases**
- **“Hot Topics” in School Law for 2024**
  - Meeting the needs of newcomer students; English language learners; new Title IX regulations; AI and academic integrity; alternatives to exclusionary discipline; restraint and seclusion; education in houses of correction; FERPA and the release of student information
- **“Ask the Experts” Q&A Session**

## Faculty

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### BOSTON

Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
9:30 am–4:00 pm  
MCLE Conference Center  
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street  
Program # 2240209P01

### LIVE WEBCAST

Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
9:30 am–4:00 pm  
Program # 2240209WBC

### REBROADCAST

Thursday, May 23, 2024  
9:30 am–4:00 pm  
Program # 2240209RB1

### REBROADCAST

Friday, June 7, 2024  
9:30 am–4:00 pm  
Program # 2240209RB2

### ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Friday, June 7, 2024  
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- Transcript & videorecording emailed 2 weeks post-program

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