

CCSA Annual Workshop Agenda

Thursday, December 5th, 2024

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am (0.25 MCLE)	Opening Remarks and Introduction <i>Presenter: Melissa Brown, CCSA President & Director of Human Resources, Panama-Buena Vista USD</i>
8:45 am – 9:45 am (1.0 MCLE)	Chaos and Disruption at Board Meetings: How Can the Brown Act Help? There has been a noticeable uptick in the number of local school board meetings that have experienced chaos and disruption. The Brown Act does provide some ability to respond, although the specific strategies found in the Brown Act can sometimes exacerbate rather than diffuse the situation. This presentation will cover the basic open meeting requirements of the Brown Act and what strategies the Brown Act offers in response to effects to disrupt board meetings. This presentation will also cover other possible responses and discuss whether they are consistent with the Brown Act. <i>Presenter: Josh Daniels, Chief, Policy and Governance Technology Services, CSBA</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am (1.0 MCLE)	Board Member Vacancies – What You Need to Know Districts have experienced vacancies across California following the November elections. Existing California law provides when a board may fill the vacancy and the timeline to make an appointment or call an election. This session will provide you an overview of the process to fill a vacancy and focus on the best practices when supporting clients in their recruiting process through making the appointment. This session will also discuss the process for adding a student trustee to the board. <i>Presenters: Meredith Karasch, Senior Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore; Yesenia Carrillo, Associate, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore</i>
11:15 am – 12:15 pm (1.0 MCLE)	Charter School Oversight and Equity of Access Issues While charter schools should be a public school choice open to all students, barriers may exist that inhibit or even deny access to this educational option. Through this discussion of oversight obligations, charter school admission requirements, potential equity of access problem areas, and prior legislative changes put in place to address these issues, attendees will take away information that will help them assist charter authorizer clients with this area as part of oversight and the renewal process. <i>Presenter: Bill Schuetz, Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley</i>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:25 pm – 2:25 pm (1.0 MCLE)	Legislative Update from CSBA A CSBA representative will present a summary of bills that were enacted during the most recent Legislative session that impact school districts, county offices of education, and community college district in California. This presentation will provide reflections on legal and practical implications of new bills to assist school attorneys in representing their clients. <i>Presenter: Ethan Retan, Deputy General Counsel, CSBA, Dana Scott, Associate General Counsel, CSBA</i>
2:35 pm – 3:50 pm (1.25 MCLE)	Special Education Roundtables Do you often wonder what other lawyers are advising? This is your opportunity to jump into a discussion regarding blazing hot topics. This session will include three roundtables facilitated by F3 attorneys covering the following topics. 1) We will delve into recent rulings and strategies for special education appeals including ADA and 504 "add-on's" 2) To consent or not consent – how are we advising on the implementation of goals, referrals to non-public schools and residential placements when parents don't give consent and 3) I've heard it all! This roundtable will focus on dealing with discipline, manifestation determination meetings and common mistakes. Bring your stories... <i>Presenters: Lenore Silverman, Partner, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost; Dee Anna Hassanpour, Partner, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost; Anne Sherlock, Partner, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost; Jennifer Nix, Partner, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost; David Mishook, Partner, Fagen, Friedman and Fulfroost</i>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Reception (Location TBD)

(5.75 total MCLE)

CCSA Annual Workshop Agenda Friday, December 6th, 2024

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am (0.25 MCLE)	Opening Remarks and Introduction <i>Presenter: Melissa Brown, CCSA President & Director of Human Resources, Panama-Buena Vista USD</i>
8:45 am – 10:15 am (1.5 MCLE)	Defending Against the Past: Litigating AB 218 Sexual Assault Cases AB 218 extended the statute of limitations for childhood sexual assault cases and, for a three-year period, waived it entirely. The result of AB 218 was a wave of older sexual assault cases. These cases arise from allegations of abuse going back decades, creating a host of unique problems. This presentation discusses and examines AB 218 and the inherent difficulties in litigating these older cases, including complications resulting from a lack of evidence and witnesses and the impacts on discovery, difficulties establishing insurance or JPA coverage, and the often limited viability of dispositive motions. This presentation also addresses legislative attempts to amend AB 218 as well as some recent case updates, including pending appellate challenges to AB 218's constitutionality. <i>Presenters: Keith Yeomans, Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley; William Ash, Associate, Dannis Woliver Kelley</i>
10:30 am – 12 pm (1.5 MCLE)	"Transgender Disclosure" Policies In Schools: Examining Litigation, Enforcement, and Lessons Learned From A Hot Button Topic In Education Law Over the last year, a number of school districts in California adopted policies addressing disclosure to parents of their students' transgender status, either requiring such disclosure or forbidding it. These policies have been litigated in state and federal court, as well as through PERB and CDE complaints, sometimes with conflicting outcomes. In this presentation, attendees will learn about relevant case law at all levels affecting transgender students and how parents' rights to control their children's upbringing impacts public schools. This presentation will also provide attendees with an in-depth case study on how "hot button" civil rights issues involving schools are litigated by students, the state, and labor unions. Attendees will receive in-depth information on what risks school districts face when presented with contentious civil rights issues, providing useful insight relevant to advising school districts <i>Presenter: Tillman Heyer, Partner, Heyer Gutierrez, LLP</i>
12:10 pm – 1:25 pm	Lunch 2024 CCSA Board of Directors Election Results <i>Presenter: Melissa Brown, CCSA President & Director of Human Resources, Panama-Buena Vista USD</i>
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm (1.25 MCLE)	Title IX and State Sexual Harassment Requirements and Updates Are you grappling with the complexities of complying with the new Title IX Regulation? How do we concurrently implement different state and federal sexual harassment laws? This session will review the status of the 2020 and/or 2024 Title IX regulations, status of the legal challenges, the different approaches of the Office for Civil Rights, and the status of California sexual harassment laws for K-12 School Districts. <i>Presenters: Eve Fichtner, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo</i>
2:55 pm – 4:10 pm (1.25 MCLE) Legal Ethics	Selected Ethics Issues for School Attorneys This presentation covers ethical issues for California school attorneys, including: Organization as client; school attorneys as investigators; conflicts review (waiver or disclosure); reporting others' misconduct; and using AI in the school lawyer's practice. Also updates on pending developments: new civility oath requirement; and formal opinions on colleague impairment, client file release and retention, and succession planning. <i>Presenter: Douglas Freifeld, Partner, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost</i>

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