

VIRTUAL SCHOOL LAW CONFERENCE

JULY 10, 2020

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

- **“2020 Changes to Title IX Regulations Prohibiting Sexual Harassment- What You need to Know Now.”** Significant changes to Title IX regulations by the federal Department of Education mean rapid adjustments for Districts in staffing, investigations, recordkeeping, and resolution in the handling of sexual harassment complaints beginning in this new school year. This presentation addresses the “need to know” practicalities for new compliance responsibilities.
- **Legislative, Judicial, and Regulatory Updates.** This session will provide a high level overview of recent State and federal education law developments from the New Mexico regular and special legislative sessions, federal Covid-19 related legislation including changes to employee leave entitlements, Supreme Court cases, and new federal regulations and guidance related to Title IX, FERPA, civil rights, and employment discrimination laws, and the U.S. Dept. of Ed. Impact Aid decision for New Mexico.
- **Building the Plane While Flying It I: Distance learning in the Age of Covid-19.** This presentation will review the implementation considerations for presentation of educational materials in any form other than a classroom setting. It will also discuss the need for ensuring the programs implemented are both accessible and vigorous. The presentation will look at the benefits and the shortcomings of teaching through virtual classroom settings and what expectation you should have of the staff, administration and student performance.
- **Building the Plane While Flying It II: Preparing to Reopen your Schools.** A head-spinning array of concerns and uncertainties accompany returning to school and no one-size-fits-all approach will work for every district. This session will discuss things for boards and administration to consider relating to opening and maintaining the facilities for safety and hygiene, student transportation, accommodations for students and employees, the return of athletics and activities, district liability, and how to solicit and build support in your communities.
- **“OMG! OMA Again?”** A lot has changed for School Boards during the last few months – where they meet, how they meet, and why they meet. But one thing has not changed – the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and the requirement for all School Boards to comply with it. This presentation reminds School Board’s about the OMA’s requirements to conduct school business transparently and to keep the public informed. We will discuss best practices to ensure compliance in in this virtual, work-from-home world, and will focus on what School Boards, can do, must do, and should do in order to avoid time-consuming and expensive litigation that can result from a violation of the OMA.