



# NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## 47th Annual School Law Conference

June 4 – June 6, 2026

Embassy Suites Hotel

1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, NM

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### Thursday, June 4, 2026

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	NMSBA Executive Board Meeting	
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Early Registration	<i>Lobby</i>
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<u>Veteran Board Member Training</u> *Leading as a United Team of Six	<i>Ocotillo I-II</i> <b>Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, CES</b>
	<u>New Board Member Training</u> *Building Strong Board-Superintendent Relations	<i>Sandia I-II-III</i> <b>LeAnne Gandy, CES</b>
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	*Ethics and Culturally Responsive Governance	<b>LeAnne Gandy, CES</b>
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	NMSBA Board of Directors Meeting	<i>La Ventana Room</i>
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set-Up	<i>Lobby</i>

#### Friday, June 5, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	<i>Lobby</i>
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Area Open	<i>Lobby</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Sandia V-VIII</i>

*Sponsors: CES and Stifel*

### GENERAL SESSION

*Sandia Ballroom*

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Call to Order	<b>Marvyn Jaramillo</b> NMSBA President
	<i>National Anthem</i>	
	Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Terry O’Brain</b> NMSBA President-Elect
	Salute to the New Mexico Flag	<b>Toby Willis</b> NMSBA Vice-President
	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Marvyn Jaramillo</b> NMSBA President
	Region Meeting Attendance Awards	
	Master Board Member Inductions	
	School Board Training Update	<b>David Vincent</b> NMPED School Board Coordinator
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Legislative, Judicial & Regulatory Update	<b>Carlos J. Padilla</b> <b>Carl J. Waldhart</b> <b>Mary Bessone</b> <b>R. Daniel Castille</b>
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	When Tech Harms Kids: What the Meta Verdict Means for Schools, Safety, and the Law	<b>The Honorable Raul Torrez</b> New Mexico Attorney General
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break <i>Courtesy of NMSBA &amp; Cuddy and McCarthy</i>	
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	IPRA Litigation	<b>Carl J. Waldhart</b>
11:15 – 12:00 p.m.	Martinez Yazzie Lawsuit Update	<b>Carlos J. Padilla</b>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	NMSBA Scholarship Announcement Luncheon	<i>Sandia V-VIII</i>

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS I

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. I. Social Media Litigation Updates: What School Administrators Must Know Now  
II. From Planning to Post Issuance: Who Does What in a Bond Program  
III. Anatomy of an Insurance Claim: A Roadmap for School Districts
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. IV. IDEA Part B - 101 for School Board Members  
Break  
*Courtesy of NMSBA & Cuddy and McCarthy* Lobby

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS II

- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. V. From the Chatbot to the Courthouse: Developments in Artificial Intelligence in the Context of School Law  
VI. From Vision to Delivery: Strategic Structuring of District Finance Projects  
VII. Board/Superintendent Relations: Fostering a Productive Relationship  
VIII. FMLA and ADA Considerations for School Teachers and Other Instructors

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS III

- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. IX. Taskforce Update: Anticipating Changes to Public Disclosure Obligations  
X. FRAUD IN THE SCHOOLS: What Went Wrong and How Can It Be Avoided  
XI. New Mexico Athletics: District Role and Relationship with NMAA  
XII. Practical Parliamentary Procedure for Productive Efficient, & Open, Board and Committee Meetings
- 5:00 6:30 p.m. **School Law Conference Reception**  
*Courtesy of NMSBA & Cuddy & McCarthy Law Firm* Sandia V-VIII

- 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration Lobby  
7:00 – Noon Exhibit Area Open  
7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Sandia V-VIII  
*Sponsors: Just Right Reader & RBC Capital Markets*

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS I

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. XIII. School Budgeting Issues: Navigating restrictions on Capital Expenditures  
XIV. Strengthening Partnerships through the Indian Education Act and Senate Bill 163  
XV. Sunshine Laws in Practice: Keeping School Boards Transparent, Compliant, and Out of Trouble
- 9:30 – 9:45 p.m. Break Lobby  
*Courtesy of NMSBA & Cuddy & McCarthy*

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS II

- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. XVI. Employee Discipline: Top to Bottom/Minor to Major  
XVII. Monopoly – Buy, Lease, Exchange and Sell Real Property  
XVIII. The New Mexico Statewide Student Information System (SSIS): Data Collection, Reporting, and Sharing

### BREAK-OUT SESSIONS III

- 11:00 – 12 Noon XIX. Stump the Lawyers Sandia I-IV  
12:00 Noon **School Law Conference Adjourns**

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**Breakout Session Grid**  
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<b>Room</b>	<b><u>Session I</u></b> 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<b><u>Session II</u></b> 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<b><u>Session III</u></b> 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sandia II/III (Seats 160)	Social Media Litigation Updates: What School Administrators Must Know Now I	From the Chatbot to the Courthouse: Developments in Artificial Intelligence in the Context of School Law V	Taskforce Update: Anticipating Changes to Public Disclosure Obligations IX
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<b>ROOM</b>	<b><u>Session I</u></b> 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b><u>Session II</u></b> 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	<b><u>Session III</u></b> 11:00AM – 12 Noon
Sierra I/II (Seats 160)	School Budgeting Issues: Navigating restrictions on Capital Expenditures  XIII	Employee Discipline: Top to Bottom/Minor to Major  XVI	<b>Stump The Lawyer</b>  All Cuddy Lawyers XIX  Sandia IV  Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel
Sierra III (Seats 80)	Strengthening Partnerships through the Indian Education Act and Senate Bill 163  XIV	Monopoly – Buy, Lease, Exchange and Sell Real Property  XVII	
Ocotillo II (Seats 85)	Sunshine Laws in Practice: Keeping School Boards Transparent, Compliant, and out of Trouble XV	The New Mexico Statewide Student Information System (SSIS): Data Collection, Reporting, and Sharing  XVIII	

## BREAK-OUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

June 4 – June 6, 2026

### PRE-CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday, June 4, 2026

#### **Veteran Board Member Training**

##### **Leading as a United 'Team of Six' Building Trust and Collective Impact**

*Ocotillo I/II – Thursday, June 4, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

**Presenter: Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, CES Consultant**

In the complex landscape of New Mexico public education, the most powerful lever for student success isn't a single program or policy; it is the functional health and strategic budget alignment of the "Team of Six." This high-level workshop is designed for veteran board members and goes beyond basic roles and responsibilities to explore the sophisticated mechanics of collective impact. Drawing on the collective expertise in the room, participants will analyze effective governance and support for superintendents as the foundation for academic equity and achievement. We will examine district leadership, focusing on maintaining high-support/high-accountability environments centered on student success. This session provides a roadmap for veteran leaders to transition from "oversight" to "visionary governance" that demonstrably moves the needle on student outcomes.

**Category: 4 Governance and Superintendent Supervision**

#### **New Board Member Training**

##### **Building Strong Board-Superintendent Relations**

*Sandia I/II – Thursday, June 4, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

**Presenter: LeAnn Gandy, Director of Leadership Development, CES**

Effective governance starts with a strong, collaborative relationship between the school board and the superintendent. This training is designed specifically for new school board members to establish a foundation of trust, clarity, and shared purpose with their superintendent. Participants will explore roles and responsibilities, communication protocols, and best practices for navigating challenges while maintaining a unified focus on student achievement and district success. Through interactive discussion and real-world scenarios, board members will gain tools to build and sustain a high-functioning governance team that leads with transparency, mutual respect, and strategic alignment.

**Category: 4 Governance and Superintendent Supervision**

#### **Ethics and Culturally Responsive Governance for School Board Members**

*Sandia I/II – Thursday, June 4, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**Presenter: LeAnn Gandy, Director of Leadership Development, CES**

This highly interactive session strengthens board members' readiness to govern ethically, lawfully, and equitably. Participants review core legal and department policy expectations and then apply them through structured protocols that mirror real board work. Governance and Leadership Practices): analyzing dilemmas, practicing decision-making and public-facing communication, and using governance levers (policy, goals, monitoring, superintendent evaluation) to advance culturally and linguistically responsive schooling. The session emphasizes New Mexico context and the Martinez/Yazzie mandates, with multiple opportunities for reflection, peer learning, and concrete takeaways participants can use at their next meeting.

**Category: A – Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

### CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Friday & Saturday, June 5-6, 2026

#### **I. Social Media Litigation Updates: What School District Administrators Must Know Now**

*Sandia II/III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.*

**Presenters: Brian Colón, Managing Partner of Singleton Schreiber**

Social media litigation is one of the fastest-moving areas of education law today — with new verdicts, court rulings, and legislative developments emerging on a near-monthly basis. This one-hour continuing

education session delivers current litigation updates and practical governance guidance for superintendents, school board members, and district legal counsel who need to stay ahead of an evolving legal landscape. Participants will receive a real-time status briefing on state and federal court proceedings, including the latest bellwether trial outcomes in both state and federal court, and recent state attorney general enforcement actions. Each litigation update is paired with plain-language legal context and direct guidance on what the development means for school district administrators. The session places special emphasis on two core themes: (1) how ongoing litigation developments are steadily increasing accountability for social media companies, and (2) the concrete and growing benefits available to school districts — including financial recovery, platform behavioral change through injunctive relief, and policy leverage created by mounting verdicts. Participants leave with a current-events litigation summary, and the governance literacy needed to respond to future litigation updates as they break.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **II. From Planning to Post Issuance: Who Does What in a Bond Program**

**Sierra III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Presenters: Heather Travis Boone of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP, Kaeley Weimerskirch of RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Nick Caine of Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc. and Rich Wood and Cindy Mitchell of BOK Financial**

This presentation outlines the full lifecycle of a school district bond—from early facility planning and community engagement through election, financing, project implementation, distribution of funds, and ongoing IRS compliance. It defines the duties of key participants, including the board, superintendent, business office, bond counsel, financial advisor, and escrow agent. Emphasis is placed on decision making checkpoints, documentation standards, and maintaining proper use of bond proceeds throughout the life of the bonds.

**Category: B - Finance, Budgeting & Fiduciary Responsibilities**

**Presentation of special interest to: District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **III. Anatomy of an Insurance Claim: A Roadmap for School Districts**

**Ocotillo I – Friday, June 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Presenters: Scott P. Hatcher and Carl J. Waldhart of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

This presentation walks school board employees through the full lifecycle of an insurance claim, from the initial incident and notice requirements under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act to resolution through defense, settlement, or judgment. Participants will gain insight into how insurers evaluate risk, assign counsel, and make decisions about settlement and trial. Topics include policy interpretation, defense obligations, settlement authority, and how policy limits and exclusions influence litigation strategy.

**Category: Category: C - Legal Concepts**

**Presentation of special interest to: District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **IV. IDEA Part B - 101 for School Board Members**

**Sierra I/II – Friday, June 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Presenters: Natalie Campbell, Supervising Attorney for OSE and Miguel Lozano, Deputy General Counsel for NMPED**

The Intersection Between the Letter of the Law and Practical Applications for Compliance by LEAs. This presentation provides information regarding the law governing NMPED's general supervisory authority over public agencies and corresponding duty to provide technical assistance; dispute resolution processes available to parents, public agencies and others; dispute resolution data for the 25/26 school year through May 14, 2026; and a discussion about corrective action plans that may result from dispute resolution processes such as state complaints and due process hearing decisions. Mr. Lozano and Ms. Campbell will leave time for questions and discussion.

**Category: C - Legal Concepts**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **V. From the Chatbot to the Courthouse: Developments in Artificial Intelligence in the Context of School Law**

*Sandia II/III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

**Presenters: Carl J. Waldhart of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

As students increasingly engage with AI tools, school districts are confronting new and complex legal questions. This session explores how AI is influencing student behavior and discipline, highlights key risks under evolving laws, including the Take It Down Act, and identifies common pitfalls in district responses. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies for developing clear, defensible policies that address AI use while safeguarding students and minimizing liability.

**Category: E - Student Achievement & Safe Learning Environments**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **VI. From Vision to Delivery: Strategic Structuring of District Finance Projects**

*Sierra III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

**Presenters: Heather Travis Boone of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP, Erik Harrigan of RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Nick Caine of Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc.**

This presentation provides a practical overview of how school districts structure capital projects to align educational priorities, financial capacity, and legal requirements. It explains how districts match facility needs with appropriate financing tools. This session will discuss the rules and restrictions on the different types of funds. The session highlights the roles of the Board, district leadership, finance staff, legal counsel, and financial advisors in shaping a compliant and financially sustainable project plan. **Category:**

**B - Finance, Budgeting & Fiduciary Responsibilities**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

## **VII. Board/Superintendent Relations: Fostering a Productive Relationship**

*Ocotillo I – Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.*

**Presenters: Carlos J. Padilla of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

This interactive session focuses on the essential partnership between school boards and superintendents as a foundation for effective governance. Participants will explore how clearly defined roles, mutual respect, and strong communication practices contribute to productive working relationships. Through real-world examples, guided discussions, and reflective activities, attendees will gain actionable strategies to foster collaboration and support student success across the district.

**Category: D - Governance & Superintendent Supervision**

**Presentation of special interest to: School Board Members, Administrators and School Board Officials**

## **VIII. FMLA and ADA Considerations for School Teachers and Other Instructors**

*Sierra I/II – Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

**Presenters: M. Karen Kilgore, Elizabeth A. Heaphy and Kathryn Grusauskas of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

The complexities of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) present challenges for many employers. Distinct from FMLA, but sometimes overlapping, is the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act (ADAAA or ADA). Handling FMLA requests in a public school setting presents unique hurdles, including applying the special rules applicable to the "instructional employees." This session provides a comprehensive roadmap for managing FMLA requests with an eye toward both legal compliance and empathy. The presentation will also address determining whether a requested accommodation under the ADA is reasonable or not. Making that determination is not "one-size-fits-all" and requires a careful analysis of each employee's job, school resources, and whether the accommodation would be fair to both the employee and the school district. Attendees will be provided with a legal primer on FMLA principles

and an opportunity to discuss real-world scenarios where FMLA questions commonly arise. Attendees will also be provided with a summary of the required ADA forms, including links to access them on the federal Department of Labor website, and the knowledge needed to evaluate and respond to requests for ADA reasonable accommodations from employees.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

#### **IX. Taskforce Update: Anticipating Changes to Public Disclosure Obligations**

***Sandia II/III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

**Presenters: Carl J. Waldhart of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

The New Mexico Legislature has unanimously recognized the need to address the current state of the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. A newly-created taskforce of legislators, agency representatives, and stakeholders are now working to address what every school administrator already knows: that New Mexico’s public records system is under strain and needs to be recalibrated. This session will focus on the status of IPRA reform, areas where gaps in the statute can lead to unexpected legal issues, and ways to be ahead of changes to the law.

**Category: C - Legal Concepts**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

#### **X. FRAUD IN THE SCHOOLS: What Went Wrong and How Can It Be Avoided**

***Sierra III – Friday, June 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

**Presenters: Heather Travis Boone of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP and Audrey Jaramillo, Managing Partner, Jaramillo Accounting Group, LLC**

Fraud can cause significant damages to school districts through monetary loss, reputational damage, civil and criminal liability for the wrongdoers, and resources directed at remedying process, compliance and audit failures. This session will analyze cases throughout the US, focusing on the actions, failures, and consequences that led to the fraud as well as a discussion of practical methods to avoid fraud in your district.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: School Board Members, Administrators and School Business Officials**

#### **XI. New Mexico Athletics: District Role and Relationship with NMAA**

***Ocotillo I – Friday, June 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

**Presenters: Carlos J. Padilla of Cuddy & McCarthy**

This interactive session provides school board members with a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between school districts and the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA). Participants will explore the governance structure, rules, and eligibility requirements that guide interscholastic athletics, along with the district’s role in oversight and compliance. Through real-world scenarios and guided discussion, attendees will examine common challenges and develop strategies to foster effective communication and collaboration. The session emphasizes maintaining a balance between educational priorities and athletic excellence to support student success across New Mexico schools.

**Category: E - Student Achievement and Safe Learning Environments**

**Presentation of special interest to: School Board Members, Administrators and School Board Officials**

#### **XII. Practical Parliamentary Procedure for Productive Efficient, and Open, Board and Committee Meetings**

***Sierra I/II – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.***

**Presenters: M. Karen Kilgore, Amelia Adair of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

Fear and loathing of unproductive, divisive and overlong meetings is a common hazard for any Board. Learn to use parliamentary procedure and meeting management tools effectively, to plan and lead meetings that accomplish the objectives of the organization and leave meeting participants feeling positive and productive. We'll also cover how to comply with Open Meetings Act requirements.

**Category: D - Governance & Superintendent Supervision**

**Presentation of special interest to: All School Administrators and School Board Members**

### **XIII. School Budgeting Issues: Navigating restrictions on Capital Expenditures**

**Sierra III – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Presenters: Carlos J. Padilla of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP and Sara Cordova, Senior Manager, School Budget Bureau of the Public Education Department**

This interactive session provides school board members with a comprehensive understanding of school budgeting, with an emphasis on navigating restrictions related to capital expenditures. Participants will explore funding categories, legal and policy constraints, and the challenges districts face in addressing infrastructure needs within limited budgets. Through real-world examples, collaborative discussions, and guided reflection, attendees will develop practical strategies to support transparent decision-making and long-term financial planning that aligns with district goals.

**Category: B - Finance, Budgeting and Fiduciary Responsibilities**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

### **XIV. Strengthening Partnerships through the Indian Education Act and Senate Bill 163**

**Sierra III – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Presenters: Damian Wierzbicki, Manager of Indian Education Division, PED**

This presentation outlines the Indian Education Act and Senate Bill 163, emphasizing legal responsibilities, tribal consultation, and culturally responsive practices to support Native American student success. It highlights district requirements and partnerships with tribes, while promoting equity, cultural expression, and improved educational outcomes through collaboration, accountability, and inclusive policy implementation.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: School Board Members, Administrators and School Business Officials**

### **XV. Sunshine Laws in Practice: Keeping School Boards Transparent, Compliant, and out of Trouble**

**Ocotillo II – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Presenters: Carl J. Waldhart of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

Even well-intentioned board members can run afoul of New Mexico's complex transparency laws. This presentation explores the legal framework of IPRA and the Open Meetings Act, with a focus on identifying common compliance failures that lead to litigation, invalidated actions, or public scrutiny. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of statutory requirements and practical tools to reduce risk while promoting openness and accountability.

**Category: D - Governance & Superintendent Supervision**

**Presentation of special interest to: School Board Members, Administrators and School Board Officials**

### **XVI. Employee Discipline: Top to Bottom/Minor to Major**

**Sierra I/II – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Presenters: Carlos J. Padilla of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

This interactive session provides school board members with a comprehensive understanding of employee discipline, from minor infractions to serious misconduct. Participants will examine progressive discipline models, legal and policy requirements, and the importance of thorough documentation and

consistent application. Through real-world scenarios and guided discussion, attendees will explore disciplinary issues across all levels of a district and the policy implications of such scenarios while also learning how to support a positive workplace culture and ensure organizational accountability.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

**XVII. Monopoly: Purchase, Sale, Exchange and Lease of Real Estate**

***Sierra III – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.***

**Presenters: Heather Travis Boone of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP**

Interactive training and discussion of the process and considerations for the purchase, sale, exchange and lease of real estate by School Districts. The session will discuss the legal requirements for real estate transactions as well as practical considerations utilizing a presentation and discussion format.

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level & District Administrators and School Board Members**

**XVIII. The New Mexico Statewide Student Information System (SSIS): Data Collection, Reporting, and Sharing**

***Ocotillo II – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45ap.m.***

**Presenters: William Paul Wanker, Chief Information Officer at PED**

This session will introduce participants to the New Mexico Statewide Student Information System, currently being implemented across districts and charter schools within the state as well as by the agency that will be serving 67 percent of students within the first year. The session will also examine current data collection, reporting, and sharing practices within the state.

**Category: E - Student Achievement & Safe Learning Environments**

**Presentation of special interest to: Site-Level Administrators, Superintendents and School Board Members**

**XIX. Stump the Lawyer**

***Sandia IV – Saturday, June 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon***

**Presenters: All Cuddy & McCarthy Attorneys**

Stump the lawyer description: In this session, school attorneys with the Cuddy & McCarthy law firm answer (or attempt to answer) legal questions on any school related topic raised by members of the audience. This is the opportunity to 1) get answers to legal questions you have been wanting to ask, regardless of whether they relate to the topics covered at the conference, or 2) “stump the lawyer.”

**Category: A - Laws, Policies, Ethics, Personnel**

**Presentation of special interest to: All School Administrators and School Board Members**