



FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW FORUM*

Designed Particularly for School Board Attorneys, Board Members,
Charter School Trustees, and Administrators
Thursday, October 22, 2026
Atlantic City Convention Center (Room 403)

Sponsored by:

New Jersey School Boards Association
New Jersey Association of School Attorneys

8:30 a.m.

Registration (Continental Breakfast)

9:00 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.

Opening Remarks (Room 403)

- Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Executive Director, NJSBA
- Adam S. Weiss, Esq., President, New Jersey Association of School Attorneys, The Busch Law Group, LLC
- Kathryn A. Whalen, Esq., SHRM-CP, Director of Legal, NJSBA

9:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

From the Capitol and the Courts: Key Legislative and School Law Updates (Room 403)

- John Burns, Esq., Senior Legislative and Policy Counsel, NJSBA
- Caitlin Pletcher, Esq., Legal Counsel, NJSBA

10:15 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Doing More with Less: Counseling New Jersey School Districts through Uncertain Financial Times (Room 403)

- Adam S. Weiss, Esq., President, New Jersey Association of School Attorneys, The Busch Law Group, LLC
- David L. Disler, Esq., Porzio, Bromberg & Newman
- Dr. Daniel Dooley, Superintendent of Schools, Absecon Public Schools

- Janine Byrnes, Director, Sussex County Regional Cooperative & President, School Transportation Supervisors of New Jersey
- Megan S. Slamb, School Business Administrator, Rockaway Township School District
- Raymond Slamb, School Business Administrator, Vernon Township School District

11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. **Breakout Session #1 (Choose 1)**

A. *The Child Victims Act: The Law Then, Now, and Everything the Courts Clarified Along the Way (Room 403)*

- Jaclyn M. Morgese, Esq., Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, P.C.

B. *From Concept to Reality: Public Questions and Special Elections (Room 420)*

- Joseph L. Roselle, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith & King

C. *Recent Developments in McKinney-Vento & Best Practices for Handling Homelessness Matters (Room 404)*

- Cameron R. Morgan, Esq., Cleary | Giacobbe | Alfieri | Jacobs | Lagana LLC

D. *Cost Containment Measures and Special Education Placements (Room 419)*

- Cherie L. Adams, Esq., Adams | Lattiboudere | Croot | Herman

E. *The Graying of Greene: Appellate Division Revisits Permissible Limits of Political Speech on School Grounds (Room 418)*

- Arsen Zartarian, Esq., Cleary | Giacobbe | Alfieri | Jacobs | Lagana LLC
- Mark A. Wenczel, Esq., Cleary | Giacobbe | Alfieri | Jacobs | Lagana LLC

12:15 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. **Breakout Session #2 (Choose 1 of the Options Above)**

1:15 p.m. **Lunch (Room 403)**

1:30 p.m. **Russell Weiss Distinguished Service Award (Room 403)**

1:45 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. ***Board Meetings are Not a Reality Show: Managing Ethics, Egos & Effective Governance (Room 403)***

- William S. Donio, Esq., Cooper Levenson
- Kasi Marie Gifford, Esq., Cooper Levenson

2:45 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. ***Lawyers Are People Too: Ethical Lawyering with AI, Judges, and the Unrepresented (Room 403)***

- Patrick F. Carrigg, Esq., Immediate Past President, New Jersey Association of School Attorneys, Lenox Law Firm

3:45 p.m. ***Closing Remarks and Adjournment***

*** PLEASE NOTE: Registration for this program is separate from Workshop 2026.**