

**Wednesday  
October 27, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**



5.5 CLE credits (all substantive)



# 2021 VIRTUAL School Law Workshop

## AGENDA

- 8:30 am – 8:40 am      **Opening remarks, introductions, and announcements**  
*John G. Audi, Esq., Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams LLP  
President, Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association*
- 8:40 am – 10:40 am      **Session I**  
**COVID Round Two Roundtable (2 hours)**  
As schools begin a second school year amidst the continuing pandemic and a very different but evolving patchwork of laws, emergency orders, and PDE or CDC recommendations, what are the biggest ongoing issues from a legal standpoint? What has been figured out, and what are the best guesses about what we still are figuring out? Exchange experiences and ideas with a panel of veteran school attorneys as they share their latest thinking about health and safety plans, employer vaccination mandates, transportation operations and reimbursements, the do's and don'ts of ESSER funding, and ongoing challenges for special education.  
*John G. Audi, Esq., Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, Pittston, PA  
Ryan T. Gonder, Esq., McNeese Wallace & Nurick LLC | School Board Director at Central Dauphin School District  
Rachel K. Lozosky, Esq., Peacock Keller, LLP, Washington, PA*
- 10:40 am – 11:00 am      **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm      **Session II**  
**In the Wake of Mahanoy --- What we've learned about responding to off-campus student speech and rules for participation in extra-curricular activities (1 hour)**  
With the most anticipated decision on student speech in decades hot off the presses, what has really changed? Take a deeper dive into what the Supreme Court's decision in B.L. v. Mahanoy Area

School District means for district policies, codes of student conduct, and rules setting behavior conditions for participation in extracurricular activities.

*Linda J. Randby, Esq., senior director of legal services,  
Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Mechanicsburg, PA*

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

**PA School Board Solicitors Association Annual Business Meeting and Award Presentation**

*John Audi, Esq., PSBSA President*

- Election of Officers and Directors for 2022
- Presentation to Outgoing President

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

**Break**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Session III**

***Developments in Responding to Right-to-Know Law Requests***  
(1 hour)

As Right -to-Know Law (RTKL) requests continue to inundate school districts, attorneys on the front lines of the fast and furious deluge share the latest news about how the Office of Open Records and the courts are applying the law's access exceptions, what good faith searching now is expected of open records officers, the intersection of RTKL and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or other statutes, and the expanded resources now available through the Office of Open Records and more.

*Peter C. Amuso, Esq., and Nicole L. Feight, Esq., Rudolph Clarke, LLC,  
Trevose, PA*

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Break**

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

**Session IV**

***School Law Update: Who's getting sued and why?*** (1.5 hours)

Always a favorite feature of the Workshop, PSBA General Counsel Michael Levin provides a lively overview of what's happening in the courts, new statutes and regulations, and other developments directly impacting public school operations and liability exposures, accompanied by his comprehensive written summary of the past year's legal developments in school law.

*Michael I. Levin, Esq., PSBA general counsel, Levin Legal Group P.C.,  
Huntingdon Valley, PA*

4:15 pm

**Adjournment**