

Education Law Association Announces New President and Board of Directors for 2010

DAYTON, OH – The Education Law Association (ELA), a national nonprofit member association, announced their new president and board of directors at their 55th Annual Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 21-24, 2009. This diverse group of education law experts will guide ELA through 2010.

ELA members recently elected Brad Colwell as their 2010 president. Colwell is the associate dean and professor of education law at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). He earned both his Ph.D. (1996) and a J.D. (1993) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Colwell is co-editor of the national publication, *School Law Reporter*, the primary journal from ELA, and has served on ELA's Board of Directors. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and serves on the Association's Education Law Section Council and was chairperson of the subcommittee for the recoding of the Illinois School Code.

Colwell is also active in scholarly research in elementary and secondary education. A prolific writer, he has published 36 articles in professional journals, 14 book chapters, monographs, and numerous other articles and paper presentations.

Newly elected board members, who will each serve three-year terms, include Susan Bon of George Mason University in Fairfax, VA; Thomas Hutton of Patterson Fobes Leitch & Kalzer in Seattle, WA; and Robert LeBlanc of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX.

Established in 1954, the Education Law Association (ELA) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) member association located at the University of Dayton. ELA promotes interest in and understanding of the legal framework of education and the rights of students, parents, school administrators, school boards, and school employees in public and private K-12 educational institutions, as well as higher education.

ELA serves its members by providing monthly case law summaries, books on current education law topics, networking opportunities, and a national annual conference. Visit www.educationlaw.org for additional information.



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