

# Make the most of your experience by taking part in these special events at ELA's 64th Annual Conference in ClevELAnd

November 7-10, 2018 – Downtown Marriott Key Center, Cleveland, Ohio

## Wednesday, November 7 Preconference Sessions / \$75 each

### **1:00 – 4:00 pm Legal Ethics in Education**

This session focuses on ethical issues related to law & education broadly, across PK - 20 settings (K12 and higher education). Attendees will be able to earn CLE credits for the ABA (and specifically the Ohio state bar requirements outlined below) professional conduct requirement. The presenters will focus on professionalism, civility, interacting with self-represented litigants and encouraging pro-bono representation for attorneys while also reviewing several ABA rules and how the rules apply. Finally, during this session, the presenters will address the professional conduct requirements related to interactions with universities, school boards, employees, students and parents.

#### **Presenters:**

Kathryn Perrico, J.D., Walter | Haverfield LLP, Cleveland  
Danielle Gadowski-Littleton, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, OH  
Susan Bon, J.D., Ph.D., University of South Carolina  
Rhonda Porter, General Counsel, Akron (Ohio) Public School District

### **1:00 – 3:45 pm Charter and Online Charter School Issues in Special Education**

The ability to talk about special education considerations for online curriculum providers and schools as a whole, given recent case law and applicable regulations regarding the space is increasingly important in the current political environment. Presenters will identify and discuss how to practically apply legal considerations in the pedagogical space of charter and online charter environments (e.g., focused on universal design theory for curriculum and instructors' qualifications and considerations for online schools charters). Additionally, they will share practical details about the assessment space given disability laws (e.g., how to imbed deaf and hard of hearing interpreters, how to adapt a graphing item).

#### **Presenters:**

Michelle Gough, J.D., Ph.D., Project Lead the Way  
Azure D.S. Angelov, Ph.D., Goodwill Education Industries & University of Indianapolis  
James Betley, J.D., Indiana Charter School Board

## Saturday, November 10 Postconference Sessions / \$59 each

### **12:00 – 2:45 pm (includes break) School Law 101**

This session provides a nuts and bolts review of hot topics in school law that every teacher should know, including speech, special education, discipline, harassment, church/state issues, McKinney Vento, and search and seizure. The presenters will answer many of those lingering questions, such as Can a student be disciplined during a walk out to protest gun violence or for wearing a Confederate flag or homophobic t-shirt to school? Can a teacher discuss controversial issues in class? What are the legal rights of students experiencing homelessness while attending school? May a teacher search a student's cell phone if it appears that she is sexting in class? Presenters will also provide an overview of careers in education law including e.g., law firm positions, professors, policymakers, and graduate school opportunities. Teachers, counselors, coaches and principals are encouraged to attend. TFA teachers should apply for professional development funding through the regional office and other teachers should ask their districts for funds. Both presenters are former public school teachers with TFA, who are now practicing lawyers. They also both teach education law courses to teachers at Indiana University.

#### **Presenters:**

Francesca Hoffman, J.D., Ph.D., Indiana University  
Richard LaFosse, J.D., Ph.D., Indiana University

### **12:00 – 2:45 pm Communication Via Social Platforms and Networks**

Communication today is a multi-streamed cacophony of voices on platforms fighting to consume more and more of our time. Experts, in a traditional sense, are fading as the world transitions from a few voices with expertise to everyone's voice with varying expertise. Education law scholars find themselves still relevant in courtrooms and law journals but perhaps not as relevant in schools, state policy units, and in the public conversation more broadly. This session focuses on ways to help school law experts leverage social platforms and networks to bring their ideas to wider audiences. This session will introduce new tools, such as Buffer, that make communicating simpler. It will also introduce tools to take your messaging to new platforms such as video. Finally, this session will provide coaching on packaging messages to be consumable in our facebook feed attention spans.

#### **Presenters:**

Justin Bathon, J.D., Ph.D., University of Kentucky  
Gina Umpstead, J.D., Ph.D., Central Michigan University

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## Hear famed First Amendment advocate Mary Beth Tinker



One of the best-known cases in education law is the landmark *Tinker v. Des Moines* "black armband" decision, argued before the Supreme Court in 1968 and decided early in 1969. To mark the 50th anniversary of this case, Mary Beth Tinker will be the featured speaker at a session Friday afternoon at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Moot Courtroom at Cleveland State University.

Following Mary Beth Tinker's speech, she will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Kevin O'Neill, J.D., Professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Panelists are Chris Gilbert, J.D., founding partner of Thompson & Horton, LLC in Houston, Texas, and Jennifer Mezzina, Ed.D., a high school assistant principal in New Jersey.

The event will be followed by a reception and a silent auction in the atrium to benefit ELA's Technology Fund.

## Enjoy two more outstanding featured speakers



Our first featured speaker on Thursday morning, Kenneth S. Trump, MPA, is the president of National School Safety and Security Services. As a preK-12 career school safety professional for more than 30 years, he speaks at national conferences on school security, emergency planning, threat assessment, and violence prevention. He trains and consults with schools to assess security and crisis preparedness. Ken provides litigation consulting and expert witness services, and counsels state and federal lawmakers on school safety policies and crisis response.



Winding up the regular ELA conference program on Saturday is Mark Walsh, presenting his popular annual report on the U.S. Supreme Court's school-related cases. He is a contributing writer to Education Week and writes The School Law Blog. An ELA member, Mark has covered legal issues in education for more than 20 years.