

CCSA Virtual Fall Workshop
September 24, 2021

Live Sessions (available for Participatory MCLE)

9:00 am – 10:15 am (1.25 MCLE)	<p>Understanding Title IX, Title VII & Title 5 – How to Comply with Federal & State Laws in Handling Harassment Complaints Based on Sex/Gender: This session will be key for attorneys in informing School Board Members and Administrators of the new Title IX definition of sexual harassment complaints and the requirements for addressing them. Also, this session will provide an update on actions taken by President Biden’s administration in this arena, through executive order and clarifying guidance, as well as a summary of the Title VII case law that potentially broadens protection under Title IX. Finally, this session will highlight a District’s separate and independent obligations under Title 5 to address harassment complaints and describe how these state obligations fit with those under federal law.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Eve Peek Fichtner and Gabriel A. Sandoval, Partners, Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo</i></p>
11:00 am – 12:15 pm (1.25 Competence Issues MCLE)	<p>Reset, Recover, Renew – Wellness Strategies for Legal Professionals in the New Normal: This workshop will focus on the following: Exploring what causes legal professionals to suffer from substance use and mental health issues; overcoming the stigma of substance use and mental health challenges to maintain attorney competence; developing a self-care plan and wellness strategies during these challenging times; and learning about the Lawyer Assistance Program and other resources to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Lita Abella, Lawyer Assistance Program, CA State Bar</i></p>
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (1.25 MCLE)	<p>CVRA & Districting – Should Your District Be Drawing or Re-Drawing Trustee Areas?: With the release of the 2020 census data in September and the first California Voting Rights Act case pending before the Supreme Court, school districts should be examining how the CVRA and the census impact their board elections. Districts that have trustee areas will need to review them, while those districts using at-large elections may decide that now is the time to transition to avoid liability under CVRA. This workshop will discuss the redistricting process, potential legislative amendments to that process, and the impact of the Santa Monica case.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>William Tunick, Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley; William Ash, Associate, Dannis Woliver Kelley</i></p>

Pre-Recorded Sessions (available for Participatory MCLE)

1 hour (1.0 MCLE)	<p>The Perils and Pitfalls of Search and Seizure: This workshop will review the intersection between search and seizure and students. This workshop includes a review of case law, statutes, and best practices of search and seizure on an educational campus. Mr. Simson was previously a prosecutor, bringing a wealth of information regarding search and seizure. He has litigated numerous search and seizure issues in the criminal courts.</p> <p>Presenter: <i>James Simson, Attorney, Schools Legal Service</i></p>
45 min. (.75 MCLE)	<p>The More Things Change, the More they Stay the Same – Charter School Law in the Wake of a Pandemic: Four months pre-pandemic, the Governor signed into law AB 1505 & 1507 – the most sweeping legislative charter school reform package since the Charter Schools Act was enacted in 1992. These new laws were intended to increase charter school accountability and transparency. Among other things, AB 1505 & 1507 relied heavily on specific accountability metrics, such as the Dashboard, implemented a moratorium on non-classroom-based charter school programs, and established strict rules governing charter school programs, and established strict rules governing charter school geographic location. Months later, the COVID-19 pandemic hit California. With it, the Dashboard went by the wayside and the education world shifted into a distance learning mode.</p> <p>Despite drastic changes to charter school law intended to increase accountability, practically speaking the pandemic may have had the opposite effect – moving the ball backward on charter school reform and accountability. This presentation will discuss the progression of charter law pre-AB 1505 through the pandemic, the Governor’s trailer bill, navigating accountability challenges for charter schools and authorizers now and in the future, and related practical and legal considerations.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Ed Sklar and Erin Hamor, Partners, Lozano Smith</i></p>

(5.50 total MCLE: 3.75 Participatory MCLE (live sessions), 1.75 Participatory MCLE (pre-recorded sessions))