Foresight 2020: Equity, Access and Opportunity – Looking Forward to the New Decade in Education Law

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Since the founding of North Carolina’s elementary, secondary and higher education institutions, considerations of equity, access and opportunity have informed the laws that govern how these institutions operate. Many of the legal issues that have been the outgrowths of these considerations — such as school funding, nondiscrimination and first-amendment protections — remain at the forefront of the work of education lawyers. However, as we embark on a new decade, these established legal themes frequently intersect with modern-day questions and stretch the role of education lawyers beyond that of traditional legal counsel.

During this program, attendees explore the established themes of equity, access and opportunity in education law and how legal trends and societal changes may impact the work of education law practitioners in the new decade.

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“Good CLE and timely topics.”

“Speakers were very knowledgeable.”

— Attendees, Change: How Cultural and Political Shifting Affects the Practice of Education Law (2019 Education Law Section Annual Meeting)
8:30  **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:55  **Welcome and Introductions**

9:00  **Panel Discussion: Reflections on Our Craft**  
Blakemore, Schafer, Speas and West  
Moderator: Jones

As the work of educational institutions becomes more complex and the populations that they serve become more diverse, so do the array of legal requirements that impact the daily lives of educators, administrators and students. These developments present regular opportunities for lawyers to play shifting roles for the clients they serve: communications consultants, crisis managers, business partners, policy makers … and the list goes on. Hear insights from four lawyers as they engage in a dynamic conversation about how their practices have evolved and their predictions on future trends in K-12 and higher education law.

10:00  **Carpe Diem: Leandro and the Right to a Sound, Basic Education**  
Glazier

What is a sound, basic education? Twenty-five years after five rural school districts sued the State over funding for public education, unanswered questions remain and new questions constantly arise around what is a quality education, what does it take to realize this constitutional obligation to each child in North Carolina, and what barriers have prevented this from occurring. A member of the Commission on Access to Sound Basic Education provides updates on the status of the *Leandro* case and the work of the Commission.

10:45  **Break**

11:00  **Case Law Update**  
Shaw

Hear this popular update on case law and legislation relevant to education law practitioners.
AGENDA

12:00  Education Law Section Annual Meeting  
Melissa J. Michaud, Tharrington Smith LLP, Raleigh,  
2019-2020 Section Chair, presiding

12:15  Networking Lunch

1:00  On the Intersection of Rights and Responsibilities: First Amendment,  
Campus Climate and Related Issues  
O’Keefe, Ramee and Shanahan

This session offers an overview on the foundation of First Amendment law,  
as well as relevant laws around discrimination and harassment, and how  
these issues can intersect in the K-12 and higher education environments.  
Speakers provide practical examples of how education lawyers can advise  
clients to address these issues within the boundaries of the law while still  
communicating institutional values.

2:15  Break

2:30  Up in Smoke: Vaping, CBD, Drug Testing and Accommodations  
Caudle

Hear an update on laws governing the use of e-cigarettes and cannabidiol  
(CBD oil), and listen as the speaker discusses practical examples of how you  
can advise your clients on developments in this emerging area of the law.  
This session also explores developments in the areas of drug testing  
and accommodations.

3:30  The Dreaded D’s: Death, Disability, Disbarment and Disappearance*  
Phipps

What happens if you suddenly can’t work? Who will take care of your  
clients and how? Does anyone have your password or access to your case  
management system? Can anyone get in your office and find a client  
contact list and court calendar? Planning for the “what-ifs” is both essential  
and ethical.

4:30  Adjourn

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SPEAKERS

- **Jerry D. Blakemore**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro
- **Kristopher L. “Kris” Caudle**, Campbell Shatley PLLC, Asheville
- **Richard B. “Rick” Glazier**, North Carolina Justice Center, Raleigh
- **Maura K. O’Keefe**, Tharrington Smith LLP, Raleigh
- **Stacey A. Phipps**, North Carolina Attorney General’s Office, Raleigh
- **Neal A. Ramee**, Tharrington Smith LLP, Raleigh
- **Allison Brown Schafer**, North Carolina School Boards Association, Raleigh
- **Thomas C. Shanahan**, University of North Carolina System, Chapel Hill
- **Brian C. Shaw**, Schwartz & Shaw PLLC, Raleigh
- **Edwin M. “Eddie” Speas Jr.**, Poyner Spruill LLP, Raleigh
- **Thomas R. “Tom” West**, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Raleigh

MODERATOR

- **Benita N. Jones**, Womble Bond Dickinson (U.S.) LLP, Durham

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