



## **FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW FORUM\***

**Designed Particularly for School Board Attorneys, Administrators and Board Members**

**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION CENTER (Room 403)**

**Sponsored by:**

**New Jersey School Boards Association**

**New Jersey Association of School Attorneys**

8:30 a.m. **Registration (Continental Breakfast)**

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks (Room 403)**

- Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Executive Director, NJSBA
- Patrick F. Carrigg, Esq., President, New Jersey Association of School Attorneys, Lenox Law Firm
- Kathryn A. Whalen, Esq., SHRM-CP, Director of Legal, NJSBA

9:15 a.m. **From the Courts and the Capitol: Key School Law and Legislative Updates (Room 403)**

- John Burns, Esq., Senior Legislative and Policy Counsel, NJSBA
- Caitlin Pletcher, Esq. Legal Counsel, NJSBA

10:15 a.m. **The United States Supreme Court's Mahmoud v. Taylor decision and its impact on New Jersey public schools (Room 403)**

- Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary I Giacobbe I Alfieri I Jacobs, LLC
- Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent, Warren Township Schools

11:15 a.m. **Breakout Session #1 (Choose 1)**

**A. Signatures, Slogans, Slates & Signs: A Primer on New Jersey School Board Elections (Room 403)**

- Jonathan M. Busch, Esq., The Busch Law Group
- Adam S. Weiss, Esq., The Busch Law Group

**B. What Can They Say? What Can They Read? What Can They Write? New Voices and the Freedom to Read (Room 404)**

- William S. Donio, Esq., Cooper Levenson

**C. Current Trends and Turning Points in Labor Negotiations (Room 419)**

- Joseph L. Roselle, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith & King
- Amy Houck-Elco, Esq., Cooper Levenson

**D. Send-Receive and Regionalization: Overview and Updates (Room 420)**

- Aron G. Mandel, Esq., The Busch Law Group
- David L. Disler, Esq., Porzio, Bromberg & Newman

12:15 p.m. **Breakout Session #2 (Choose 1 of the Options Above)**

1:15 p.m. **Lunch (Room 403)**

1:30 p.m. **Russell Weiss Distinguished Service Award (Room 403)**

**2:00 p.m. HIB Investigations and the Board: Oversight, Not Overstep (Room 403)**

- Patrick F. Carrigg, Esq., Lenox Law Firm
- Kasi Marie Gifford, Esq., Cooper Levenson

**3:00 p.m. The Role of the Board Attorney: Balancing Ethical Duties and Client Expectations (Room 403)**

- David B. Rubin, Esq., The Busch Law Group, LLC
- Vito A. Gagliardi, Esq., Porzio Bromberg & Newman, P.C.
- Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent, Warren Township Schools

4:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

**\* PLEASE NOTE: Registration for this program is *separate* from Workshop 2025.**