

Are you eligible for the member rate?

Yes, if you are a staff member or board of education member in one of the following member districts of the Erie County Association of School Boards and/or Western New York Educational Service Council:

Akron, Alden, Alfred Almond, Allegany-Limestone, Amherst, Batavia City, Brocton, Buffalo Academy of Science, Buffalo, Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, Cheektowaga, Cheektowaga-Sloan, Clarence, Cleveland Hill, Depew, East Aurora, Eden, Enterprise Charter School, Erie 1 BOCES, Erie 2 Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES, Fillmore, Frontier, Genesee Valley Central School, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, Gowanda, Grand Island, Hamburg, Health Sciences Charter School, Holland, Holley, Iroquois, Jamestown, Ken-Ton, King Center Charter School, Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Lancaster, Lockport City, Maryvale, Niagara Charter School, Niagara Wheatfield, North Collins, Oakfield-Alabama, Olean City, Orchard Park, Orleans-Niagara BOCES, Pine Valley, Pioneer, Randolph Academy, Randolph Central Schools, Salamanca City, Sherman, Silver Creek, Springville-Griffith Institute, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Tapestry Charter, Tonawanda City, West Buffalo Charter, West Seneca, Westminster Charter School, Williamsville, Wilson.

Attorneys may apply for (CLE) credits

The University at Buffalo School of Law has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an Accredited Provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York for the period of March 11, 2014 - March 10, 2017. Our Accredited Provider status continues while our application for renewal is pending. The law school has a financial hardship policy. For further information on our policy, contact Lisa Mueller, CLE Coordinator at (716) 645-3176.

Western New York Education Law Conference

To get the reduced TEAM rate, register at least FIVE from your district

Members (member list above): \$170pp. Team Rate: 5 or more from SAME organization: \$155/pp

Standard Rate (if you are NOT a member and NOT registering with a team): \$275/person

For those in an approved graduate level educational leadership program or enrolled in a graduate level educational leadership course for which Law Conference attendance is required by the course instructor, there is a discounted fee of \$120. Eligibility will be confirmed with instructor. This discount does not apply to individuals already in school administration positions. Students not eligible for TEAM rate.

School District or Firm _____ Contact Person _____
Address _____ Town _____ Zip: _____
Phone _____ e-mail _____

Names & Titles of Registrants (REDUCED RATE for teams of FIVE or more)

Name	Title	E-mail (REQUIRED)	Check here if this person is an attorney.
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If registering at student rate, list institution and instructor's name, phone # and e-mail below:

This program qualifies for 5.0 non-transitional CLE credits in the area of professional practice.

Registration & Information: 645-2932. Checks payable to: WNYESC. Mail to: WNYESC, 222 Baldy Hall, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260 or FAX to WNYESC at 716-645-3840. **IMPORTANT - Register by July 21; Sorry, NO refunds after this date.**

Registration & Info: 645-2932

8:30-9:00 Registration and continental breakfast
9:00-9:10 Welcome from ECASB and WNYESC in the Presidential Ballroom

9:10-10:10 HOT TOPICS Overview by Jay Worona, General Counsel, NYSSBA

10:10-10:20 Please enjoy a brief Coffee Break in the alcove while the Presidential Ballroom is prepared for sessions.

Cleveland Room

“My Other Car is a School Bus ...”
Tracie Lopardi, Harris Beach, and Jamie Phillips, Lancaster Schools

10:20 to 11:20
Get your top questions about providing student transportation answered. What NYS, NYSED, and NYSDOT laws and regulations require of bus drivers, contracts, and transportation of students and how to do it all while maximizing state aid.



11:30 to 12:30

Much Ado About Policy: Practical Considerations for Drafting and Implementing Board Policies ... *Brian Hartmann, Erie 2CC BOCES, and Jill L. (Yonkers) Emmons, Erie 1 BOCES*
This session explores current issues in policy development, as well as the intersection between Board policy and various areas of District operations, including student civil rights, employee misconduct, and more.

12:40 to 1:40

Planning & Implementing Capital Projects: Your Issues for 2017 ... *From Hodgson Russ: Jeff Stone, John Alessi, Emily Dinsmore, Paul Meosky, and Bill Lundquist*
What you need to know about all the steps in the process: planning, structuring, complying with SEQRA, voting, financing, bidding, contracting and handling disputes.

1:50 to 2:50

Fillmore Room

Special Education Update ...
Jeff Weiss, Harris Beach

A comprehensive review of the most important developments in special education law over the last year, including two notable decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, revisions to state and federal special education regulations, and new federal policy directives which will impact your district's responsibilities with respect to educating students with disabilities. Learn strategies and approaches to ensure that your district remains in compliance with its special education obligations.

The Public School District/Non-Public Partnership: Finding Effective Ways to Meet State and Federal Obligations ... *Andrew Freedman, Hodgson Russ, and Chris Riso, Diocese of Buffalo*

As authorized by law, public school districts must provide non-public school students with certain services. Find out effective ways to engage in consultation and planning for Federal Title Programs; transportation; health and nursing services; special education and related services, and more. A review of NYS Education Law §3602-c, parent requests for services, and applicable deadlines will also be discussed.

Student Services...

Shannon Buffum, Harris Beach, and Ryan Everhart, Hodgson Russ

Get the most up-to-date details regarding a variety of student services topics, including student residency, student discipline, and student health matters, including immunizations and opioid overdose prevention programs.

Roosevelt Room

Managing Employee Discipline: From Counseling to Termination and Everything In-Between ..

Marnie Smith, Harris Beach, and Melanie Beardsley, Hodgson Russ

This session will focus on effective strategies and best practices Districts should consider when reviewing and implementing their discipline procedures. The presentation will include a discussion of potential pitfalls to avoid and some of the most recent 3020-a decisions.

Effective Strategies for Collective Bargaining...

Brendan Kelleher, Harris Beach, and Jeff Swiatek, Hodgson Russ,

Explore the latest strategies and hot issues in collective bargaining, and the opportunities for achieving the District's goals.

Benefits Packages...

Dan D'Amico and Molly Cooper, Erie 1 BOCES

What's in it for me?

A discussion of employee benefits and the legal and practical implications of what is being offered at the bargaining table.

REMINDER: Attorneys seeking CLE credits MUST sign in and out at the Law Conference registration table. There will be no follow up calls to those who have not signed in and out. Attorneys must call the WNYESC office to receive their certificate.





*‘See you
at the Millennium’*

WNY Education Law Conference 2017

The WNY education community gathers for
the annual Western New York
Education Law Conference on
Wednesday, Aug. 2
at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga.

NYSSBA’s Jay Worona kicks off the day with
his “Hot Topics” overview, followed by your
choice of nine more in-depth legal sessions
throughout the day.

Buffet lunch will be in the Atrium. Waldens
Restaurant also will serve the buffet if you
would prefer a quieter atmosphere.

*Here’s what attendees
said last year:*

‘Good updated information.’

‘Always a good variety of topics.’

‘Another great update.’

‘Worthwhile!’

‘Excellent, timely, thorough.’

‘Very informative and interesting.’

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NYS Association of School Attorneys (NYSASA),
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TIPS for attendees

Dress in layers, bring a sweater ...
conference room temperatures can vary widely.

If you think you may have trouble hearing and do not see
seating near the front, ask at our registration table outside the
conference room for a chair to be brought to the front for you.

If it looks like there is not enough seating in a room,
please remain patiently for a minute or two.
Hotel staff are always alert to overflow seating needs
and will bring in additional chairs momentarily.

Erie County Association of School Boards
355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224

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