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LA SCHOOL LAW WORKSHOP AGENDA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
201 Lafayette St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70801



**EARLY
REGISTRATION**

2PM-6PM

SESSION 1:

3PM-4PM

Professionalism CLE (Attorneys Only)

Speakers: Neal Johnson, Esq.
K. Kyle Celestin, Esq.

BREAK

4PM-4:10PM

SESSION 2:

4:10PM-5:20PM

Superintendent and School Board Member
Leadership Panel: Staffing: Where Is the Money?

Moderators: Jon K. Guice, Esq.
Nikki Essix-Manuel, Esq.

Panelists: Superintendent John Hall
Jefferson Davis Parish
Superintendent Todd Guice
Ouachita Parish
David Claxton
LASSA Executive Director

BREAK

5:20PM-5:30PM

SESSION 3:

5:30PM-6:30PM

Ethics for Public Servants

Speaker: Gregory Thibodeaux, Esq.
Director of Investigations | LA Board of Ethics

WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30PM-8:30PM

Heidelberg Ballroom - 10th Floor - Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Raising Cane's River Center
275 S. River Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70801



DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:15AM***

BREAKFAST

7:15AM-8:30AM

SESSION 4:

7:30AM-8:30AM

Ethics CLE (Attorneys Only)

Speaker: Anderson Dotson, III
Chief Disciplinary Counsel | LA Attorney Disciplinary Office

REGISTRATION & SIGN-IN

8AM-8:30AM

WELCOME & OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15AM-8:30AM

SESSION 5:

8:30AM-10AM

Hot Out Of The Capital: Understanding the Latest Acts

Speakers: Evan M. Alvarez, Esq.
Robert L. Hammonds, Esq.

BREAK

10AM-10:15AM

SESSION 6:

10:15AM-11:45AM

Advocacy Not Auditing: The Roles and Responsibilities
of the Child Ombudsman Office for LA Legislative
Auditor

Speakers: Honorable Kathleen Stewart Richey (Retired)
Dr. Keita Rone Wilson
Michelle Redmond Shelton

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LUNCH

11:45AM-1:15PM

SESSION 7:

1:15PM-2:45PM

Order In The Court: Review of Recent Cases Affecting School Systems

Speakers: Timothy J. Riveria, Esq.
Casey C. Hollins, Esq.

BREAK

2:45PM-2:55PM

SESSION 8:

2:55PM-4:05PM

Screening For Success: Negligent Hiring, Background
Checks, & Mandatory Reporting

Speakers: Jon K. Guice, Esq.
Christina D. Moore, Esq.

SESSION 9:

4:05PM-5:05PM

Day 2 In Review: There's No Dumb Questions Here!

Speakers: All Monday Presenters

MONDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

6PM-9PM

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

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DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:15AM***

BREAKFAST

7:30AM-8:30AM

WELCOME & OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30AM-8:45AM

SESSION 10:

8:45AM-10AM

From Claim to Courtroom: A Step-by-Step Guide to
Litigation Readiness

Speakers: Matthew W. Tierney, Esq.
Kristine D. Smiley, Esq.

SESSION 11:

10AM-11AM

Bad Boys Bad Boys: Whatcha Gonna Do When the
EEOC Comes for You?

Speakers: Ashley U. Johnson-Firven, Esq.
Thomas M. Hayes, Esq.

SESSION 12:

11AM-12PM

Day 3 In Review: Insights and Answers

Speakers: All Tuesday Presenters

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!