From Kindergarten to College: Brainstorming Solutions to Modern Issues in Education Law

Are our nation’s schools working?

In the wake of the recent economic downturn, a great deal of attention has turned to education, forcing Americans to consider how well our country prepares its students to enter the workforce. President Obama has lamented the current state of the American education system and called for reform on a federal level.

The University of Toledo Law Review Symposium will address the legal and practical challenges facing our nation’s schools today. In her keynote address, Justice Judith French of the Supreme Court of Ohio will discuss Zelman v. Simmons-Harris, a case upholding an Ohio school voucher program that she argued before the United States Supreme Court, and school choice issues facing educational institutions today.

Four panels will discuss salient legal issues in education. These include: (1) the development of modern disability law and the legal requirements of IDEA, Section 504, and the ADA; (2) affirmative action, desegregation, and fundamental rights; (3) legal issues surrounding school safety; and (4) the successes and failures of the conventional education model and its alternatives. In addition, a video presentation discussing religious educational institutions and issues in employment will screen during the lunch hour.

Presenters’ scholarly contributions will appear in Volume 45, Issue 3 of The University of Toledo Law Review.

This symposium should be of particular interest to attorneys in the practice of education, disability, and administrative law, individuals employed with state and federal education agencies, as well as those working as educators and school administrators.
Safety in Schools in the 21st Century

The first step in promoting safety in schools is to understand the extent of the problem. This panel will address both the physical and emotional threats facing students and faculty and the need to balance those threats against concerns for individual rights.

MODERATOR
Lee Strang, Professor of Law, The University of Toledo College of Law

PANELISTS
Dr. Darlene Chambers, Executive Director, Ohio Council of Community Schools
Susan DeJarnatt, Professor of Law, Temple University, Beasley School of Law
Michael Farris, Chairman and Chancellor of Patrick Henry College, College of Legal Defense Association
Martin Mallin, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Law and the Workplace, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Chad Readler, Chair of the Ohio Alliance of Public Charter Schools and Partner at Jones Day
Susan Stuart, Associate Dean, Valparaiso University Law School

The Conventional Model Education — Is the System Working?

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, it is estimated that almost 49.8 million elementary and secondary students attend public schools in the United States. Despite being an issue that affects the lives of nearly every American, it is still unclear if the conventional education model is working today. This panel will address the successes and failures of various educational models, including the conventional model, charter schools, and home schooling, and the legal issues that affect them.

MODERATOR
Brown v. Board of Education

PANELISTS
Rebecca Zietlow, Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School
Mark Weber, Professor of Law, University of Dayton School of Law
Sharon Wilentz, Dean of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
Derek Black, Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
Charles Fornoff Professor of Law and Values, Drexel University
Laura Rothstein, Professor of Law and Distinguished University Scholar, University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law
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Students with Disabilities: Current Issues in Federal Law

Many students with disabilities require a special approach to educational services, including the use of accommodations and auxiliary aids. This panel will address the legal issues involved in meeting disabled students’ unique needs.

MODERATOR
Nicole Porter, Professor of Law, The University of Toledo College of Law

PANELISTS
Susan Bon, Associate Professor, George Mason University, College of Education and Human Development
Laura Rothstein, Professor of Law and Distinguished University Scholar, University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law
Terry Jean Seligmann, Director of the Legal Writing Program and Kevin M. Adams Professor of Legal Writing, DePaul University, Earle Mack School of Law
Mark Weber, St. Vincent de Paul Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law

This panel will discuss current issues relating to affirmative action, desegregation, and failures of various educational models, including the conventional model, charter schools, and home schooling, and the legal issues that affect them.

MODERATOR
Elizabeth McCuskey, Assistant Professor of Law, The University of Toledo College of Law

PANELISTS
Jason Nance, Assistant Professor of Law and Associate Director of the Center on Children and Families, University of Florida, Levin College of Law
Allen Rostroton, William P. Jacques Constitutional Law Scholar and Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
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