

BACK TO SCHOOL WORKSHOP 2020: THE WEBINAR SERIES

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All webinars are on Wednesdays at 10 am CDT

September 9 <i>A SCHOOL YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER: HOW DO WE DO THIS?</i>	We kick off the BTS 2020 with the myriad legal issues surrounding the opening of our schools in the midst of a pandemic. How do we serve students safely and effectively? What to say to staff members nervous about returning to work? We are dealing with a tangle of federal, state and local guidelines along with the policies and directions of the school board: the Law Dawg will help untangle all of that....as much as possible.
September 16 <i>NEW REGULATIONS FOR TITLE IX: ARE YOU READY?</i>	The Law Dawg will be joined by Sarah Orman, a Lead Attorney with TASB Legal Services, for a review of the new regulations implementing Title IX. The new regulations define sexual harassment and lay out the specifics of how districts are expected to respond to reports of such behavior by staff or students. These regulations will require significant changes in district practices. The emphasis in this presentation will be on policy (coming from TASB) as well as practice. Title IX Coordinators, superintendents, HR Directors, and campus administrators are encouraged to attend.
September 23 <i>THE MOST IMPORTANT CASES OF THE PAST YEAR AND WHAT THEY MEAN FOR TEXAS EDUCATORS.</i>	We have important rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court, the 5 th Circuit and elsewhere that will have a direct impact on the day-to-day operation of your public school. In this lively and informative presentation, the Law Dawg will explain the judicial rulings with an emphasis on practical application. Topics to be addressed include student free speech, student discipline, liability of educators, and the latest on gay, lesbian, and transgender employees and students.
September 30 <i>OUR ANNUAL REVIEW OF CASES INVOLVING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SECTION 504.</i>	High level courts continue to issue important rulings interpreting IDEA and Section 504. This presentation will feature the Law Dawg providing a review of the most important cases and their implications for day-to-day school operations. The emphasis will be on the practical aspects of student discipline, ARD Meetings, evaluations, serving students with dyslexia, the meaning of "FAPE", and other issues, including potential areas of liability.