



# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual School Client Conference

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Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Cocktail reception at 3:10 p.m.

This seminar is complimentary and exclusive  
to clients and friends of Hodgson Russ.

Please register early. Space is limited.

**Who should attend:** Board members, superintendents,  
business officials, and administrators

**Directions:** I-90 to exit 52 East. Millennium Hotel Buffalo  
is one block up on your left.

## EDUCATION LAW PRACTICE GROUP

Hodgson Russ represents school districts throughout New York State and has done so for decades. To help our school district clients meet their legal challenges, we have assembled a team of experienced attorneys who focus on education law and public sector employment law. The attorneys in our Education Law Practice Group counsel boards of education, school superintendents, and school administrators on the complete range of issues affecting public education. For more than 25 years, our annual school client conference has proven to be a success in communicating with our clients on important matters affecting their districts.

[www.hodgsonruss.com/schoolnet](http://www.hodgsonruss.com/schoolnet)

The Hodgson Russ Education Law Practice Group maintains SchoolNet, an online informational service to provide brief, topical information to our clients and friends on the latest developments in education law.

# Agenda

**Introduction/Overview** Including,  
Supreme Court Cases of Interest  
9 - 9:15 a.m., *David A. Farmelo*

## **Session 1** (choose one program)

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9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

**1A** – When Educators Cheat  
*Karl W. Kristoff and David A. Farmelo*

**1B** – The Board's Role in the School  
Budget Process  
*John J. Christopher and  
Patrick Weisansal, President, Board  
of Education, Cheektowaga-Maryvale  
UFSD*

**1C** – The Role of Reading in Special  
Education: The Differences Between  
Remedial Instruction and IEP Directed  
Instruction  
*Melanie J. Beardsley*

## **Break**

10:10 - 10:25 a.m.

## **Session 2** (choose one program)

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10:25 - 11:15 a.m.

**2A** – Recent Developments in Cyber  
Speech  
*Elizabeth D. Carlson and  
David A. Farmelo*

**2B** – The Laws that Board Members  
and Administrators Should Know  
*Karl W. Kristoff and Jeffrey F. Swiatek*

**2C** – When Worlds Collide: Reconciling  
the IDEA and Section 504  
*Ryan L. Everhart*

## **Session 3** (choose one program)

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11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

**3A** – Searches and Surveillance of  
Students and Staff  
*Brendan P. Kelleher and  
Emina Poricanin*

**3B** – The Latest on Health Care Reform  
and How It Impacts Negotiations  
*Michael J. Flanagan and  
Jeffrey F. Swiatek*

**3C** – How to Run an Effective CSE  
Meeting  
*Andrew J. Freedman*

## **Lunch**

12:10 - 1:20 p.m.

## **Session 4** (choose one program)

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1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

**4A** – Effectively Managing Absentee-  
ism & Employees With Disabilities  
*John J. Christopher and  
Brendan P. Kelleher*

**4B** – Contracts for Services With  
Independent Contractors, Consultants,  
and Outside Entities: What to Watch  
Out For  
*Jeffrey F. Swiatek, David A. Farmelo,  
and John M. Godwin*

**4C** – Handling Immunization Exemption  
Claims  
*Andrew J. Freedman and  
Emina Poricanin*

## **Session 5** (choose one program)

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2:15 - 3:05 p.m.

**5A** – Education of Homeless Students  
and Student Residency  
*Melanie J. Beardsley and  
Andrew J. Freedman*

**5B** – Capital Projects/Financings  
Roundtable—Your Issues for 2014  
*John A. Alessi, Elizabeth A. Holden,  
Paul D. Meosky, and Jeffrey W. Stone*

**5C** – Special Education Question and  
Answer Session  
*Ryan L. Everhart*

# Register Today



YES, please register me for the Hodgson Russ School Client Conference, Friday, January 17, 2014, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Millennium Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, New York.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.  
Please register by January 10.

**Online:** [www.hodgsonruss.com/seminars](http://www.hodgsonruss.com/seminars)

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The Guaranty Building, 140 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14202

## Please check the sessions you would like to attend:

I plan to attend lunch.

Session 1

1.A.

1.B. or

1.C.

Session 2

2.A.

2.B. or

2.C.

Session 3

3.A.

3.B. or

3.C.

Session 4

4.A.

4.B. or

4.C.

Session 5

5.A.

5.B. or

5.C.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide e-mail. Confirmations with detailed directions will be e-mailed to all attendees.)

Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and e-mail addresses of additional people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# Speakers



**John A. Alessi**  
Education Law  
Real Estate & Finance  
Municipal Law



**Melanie J. Beardsley**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment



**Elizabeth D. Carlson**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment  
Employment Litigation



**John J. Christopher**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment  
Employment Litigation



**Ryan L. Everhart**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment



**David A. Farmelo**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment



**Michael J. Flanagan**  
Education Law  
Employee Benefits



**Andrew J. Freedman**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment



**John M. Godwin**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment



**Elizabeth A. Holden**  
Education Law  
Real Estate & Finance  
Environment & Energy



**Brendan P. Kelleher**  
Education Law  
Labor & Employment  
Employment Litigation



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Labor & Employment  
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