

ACSA Every Child Counts Symposium

INDUSTRY/ ASSOCIATION EVENT

Anaheim Marriott Hotel — February 13 - February 15

ACSA's Student Services and Special Education Council presents this world-class learning event each year, featuring exciting workshops, informative keynotes and opportunities for skill development and networking.

The Every Child Counts Symposium is designed for both beginning and veteran educational leaders and focuses on the latest in the field of student services and special education.

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DWK Speaking Schedule

WHO DECIDES? CUSTODY AND CONSENT ISSUES AT SCHOOL

February 13, 2019 (2:45 pm – 4:15 pm)

Pam Townsend, Special Counsel

Parents have a fundamental right to make decisions regarding the education of their child. But what happens when the interests of a child's parents are not aligned or the child does not have a traditional parent, for example when the natural parent is absent or when parents are divorced and not in agreement? In these situations, schools often find themselves thrust into the middle of familial disputes, faced with practical questions like: who can attend meetings; who can check the student out of school; who can access records; and who is ultimately responsible for making educational decisions for the student? This presentation will examine custody and consent requirements under state and federal law, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's requirement of parental consent before special education assessment and the Education Code's requirement of parental consent before implementation of the individualized education program, and arm school staff with the information they need to navigate this complex and murky area on a day-to-day basis.



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DON'T GET LOST IN THE WEEDS – MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADMINISTRATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENTS: A HOW-TO (OR NOT TO) GUIDE ON STUDENT ACCESS TO CANNABIS AT SCHOOL

February 14, 2019 (8:30 am – 10:00 am)

Matthew Juhl-Darlington, Shareholder
Meagan Kinsey, Associate

School district personnel are increasingly being asked to administer medical marijuana for special education and general education students during the course of their school day. We will guide you through a “how-to” on managing this newly developing scope of school responsibility, including compliance with applicable laws and regulations, keeping all students safe, and the pitfalls to avoid. In addition to logistical and practical considerations for administrators, we will also discuss applicable statutes, case law, and discuss actual scenarios where school districts and COEs were able to solve these complex issues.

BEYOND THE BINARY: SUPPORTING GENDER NON-CONFORMING STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

February 15, 2019 (10:15 am – 11:45 am)

Pam Townsend, Special Counsel

Education Code section 221.5(f), went into effect approximately five years ago. This section reinforced existing law applicable to gender non-conforming students at school and ignited a state wide conversation about districts’ obligation to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students, including key issues related to names and pronouns, mandatory records, privacy concerns, accessibility to single-sex facilities, dress codes, discipline, bullying, harassment and discrimination, and participation in physical education and extra-curricular athletics. This presentation will review practices that have been used to address these issues and discuss guidelines for administrators to fully comply with the letter and spirit of the law.