

# 30TH ANNUAL SCHOOL CLIENT CONFERENCE

## Seminar

Millennium Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave, Buffalo, NY  
January 16, 2015  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Cheektowaga, New York  
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Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.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 school administrators

## Agenda

Introduction/Overview, Jeffrey Swiatek: 9 - 9:15 a.m.

### Session 1 (choose one program) 9:20 – 10:10 a.m.

1A “Policies” for Boards to Think About or Revisit  
Karl Kristoff and Melanie Beardsley

1B Student Speech in the Digital Age  
Elizabeth Carlson and John Christopher

1C Everything You Need to Know About Impartial Due Process Hearings  
Andrew Freedman

**Break: 10:10 – 10:25 a.m.**

### Session 2 (choose one program) 10:25 – 11:15 a.m.

2A Press and Media in Times of Trouble

## Attorneys

John Alessi  
Ryan Everhart  
Andrew Freedman  
Karl Kristoff  
Elizabeth McPhail  
Jeffrey Stone  
Jeffrey Swiatek  
Marla Waiss

## Practices & Industries

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John Christopher and Jeffrey Swiatek

2B The Newest From the Office of Civil Rights  
Andrew Freedman and Emina Poricanin

2C When Johnny Won't Come to School: The Provision of Special Education Services to Homebound Students  
Ryan Everhart

**Session 3 (choose one program) 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

3A How Board Meetings Can Be Made Better  
Karl Kristoff and Jeffrey Swiatek

3B Answers to the Most Common Questions Under FERPA and FOIL  
Ryan Everhart and Jeffrey Same

3C Private Evaluations and IEEs: How to Handle Them in the CSE Process  
Melanie Beardsley

**Lunch: 12:10 – 1:20 p.m.**

**Session 4 (choose one program) 1:20 – 2:10 p.m.**

4A Negotiations and Budgeting Roundtable  
Elizabeth Carlson, John Christopher, Karl Kristoff, and Jeffrey Swiatek

4B The ABC's of Student Discipline & Manifestation Determinations  
Andrew Freedman and Jaclyn Hamlin

4C OCR Guidance  
Melanie Beardsley

**Session 5 (choose one program) 2:15 – 3:05 p.m.**

5A Effective Employee Evaluation and Discipline  
Elizabeth Carlson and Emina Poricanin

5B Capital Projects/Financings: Your Issues for 2015  
John Alessi, Emily Dinsmore, Jeffrey Stone, and Marla Waiss

5C Special Education Question and Answer Session

**Cocktail Reception: 3:10 – 4 p.m.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Pfeffer.

