

2026 NCSBA SPRING LAW CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:35 – 9:20 a.m.** **Legal Updates on Federal Grant Terminations and Discontinuations**
Christine Bischoff, *Brooks Pierce*
- 9:20 – 9:50 a.m.** **Legislative Update**
Bruce Mildwurf, Director of Governmental Relations, *NCSBA*
- 9:50 – 10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Educating Homeless Students and Giving Special Consideration for Military Children**
Nancy Black, Staff Attorney, *NCSBA*
- 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:55 – 11:55 a.m.** **5-on-5: Working with Commissioners to Improve Budget Outcomes**
David Twiddy, Board Chair, *Dare County Schools*; Bob Woodard, Chairman, *Dare County Board of Commissioners*; Mary Ellon Ballance, *Dare County Board of Commissioners*

Friday, March 20, 2026

- 8:40 – 9:40 a.m.** **IDEA and Section 504: What's the Difference?**
Eva Dubuisson, *Tharrington Smith*
- 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.** **Break**
- 9:50 – 10:50 a.m.** **Disruptions! (and What to do About Them)**
Christine Scheef, Senior Staff Attorney, *NCSBA*
- 10:50 – 11:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon** **Religious Instruction In and Out of School**
Neal Ramee, *Tharrington Smith*

Board members and school administrators attending the entire conference will receive 6 clock hours of continuing education training. Attorneys attending the entire conference will receive 6 hours of CLE credit.