

# NEVER A DULL MOMENT:

## Navigating the Wide Range of Student Conduct Issues Confronting Schools

Featuring:

**Kevin Sutton**

Miller Johnson Attorneys



The days can be long and the student conduct often challenging. In this seminar, Mr. Kevin Sutton of the Miller Johnson Law Firm will discuss the wide range of student conduct issues confronting schools and how to navigate them effectively – both to comply with legal requirements and to minimize the negative impacts on the school community. Kevin will offer practical insights and guidance on the daily issues confronting administrators, not an esoteric dissertation on the law. Additionally, Kevin will dedicate significant time for a “hit me with your best shot” Q&A where you can fire your specific student discipline and conduct questions at him. Topics covered in this session will include: general education student discipline, special education discipline, investigations, due process, parent communication, collaboration with law enforcement, threat assessment considerations, enrollment of students with existing discipline issues, and more!

### Learning Objectives:

- *Conducting general education student investigations and discipline.*
- *Conducting special education student investigations and discipline.*
- *How to be in compliance with due process, parent communication, collaboration with law enforcement, and threat assessment considerations.*
- *How to handle enrollment of students with existing discipline issues, and more.*

**Targeted Audience:** Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators, School Resource Officers

**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024

**Time:** Registration / Continental Breakfast: 8:30 am,  
Presentation: 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

**Location:** Bloomfield Hills Public Schools  
Booth Center Board Room ABC  
7273 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person, member district  
\$150.00 per person, nonmember district

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## About the Presenter

**Mr. Sutton** is a graduate of Michigan State University, and the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Mr. Sutton also completed the prestigious International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy at Stanford University, a program focused on the development of trial advocacy skills for defense litigators.

In addition to his efforts in the courtroom and with administrative agencies, Mr. Sutton regularly investigates allegations of employee/student harassment and conduct; advises his clients regarding their statutory obligations under Michigan's Revised School Code and federal law, applicable special education laws, and other school-related statutes; and counsels his clients on labor and employment issues. Mr. Sutton also focuses extensively on the development of organizational policies for his clients.

Mr. Sutton often presents on topics relevant to his school clients, including transgender student rights, Title IX, social media in schools, student/staff investigations, student privacy rights/FERPA, and student/staff discipline. On the issue of transgender student rights, Mr. Sutton is recognized as a legal expert, having been invited by the Michigan Department of Education to help develop guidance for supporting LGBTQ students. Mr. Sutton has presented to education groups across the State of Michigan on this important topic.

Mr. Sutton serves as an Adjunct Professor at Oakland University, teaching Education Law to students pursuing their Ed.S. degree through OU's Department of Educational Leadership.

For years, Mr. Sutton has been actively involved with the nonprofit organization [Winning Futures](#), a goal setting, mentoring, and scholarship program for high school students. Mr. Sutton served as a mentor to students at Warren Mott High School and was recognized as "Mentor of the Year" for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Sutton also served on the Board of Directors for the organization. Following the tragic passing of his first mentee, Melvin Akins, Mr. Sutton and his wife formed the **Melvin Akins Memorial Scholarship**, to be awarded annually to an outstanding Winning Futures student. In July 2015 Mr. Sutton was recognized, along with seven other Michigan residents, as a RARE Everyday Hero for his many contributions to the community.

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