



**57<sup>th</sup> School Attorneys Conference  
School of Government  
February 9, 2024**

8:55	Welcome	
9:00	Public Schools and Zoning Constraints <i>Adam Lovelady, School of Government</i>	1 CLE
10:00	Safe Harbor from Tropical Storm CBBC: Applying for Spiking Exemptions or Reductions <i>Chris Campbell, Campbell Shatley, Asheville</i>	.5 CLE
10:30	Break	
10:45	The Word from the State Board <i>Allison Schafer, General Counsel State Board of Education</i>	.75 CLE
11:30	Counselors, Therapists, Social Workers and the Parents Bill of Rights <i>Dean Shatley, Campbell Shatley, Asheville</i>	.75 CLE
12:15	Lunch	
1:15	Top Ten Most Interesting Recent Ethics Opinions <i>Chris McLaughlin, School of Government Jeff Welty, School of Government</i>	1 Ethics CLE
2:15	Break	
2:30	Leandro Leandro Leandro <i>Brian Shaw Poyner Spruill, Raleigh</i>	1 CLE
3:30	A School Board Attorney on the Supreme Court <i>Trey Allen, Justice</i>	.5 CLE
4:00	Adjourn	

CLE applied for: 4.5 general 1 ethics 5.5 total

## **Speaker Bio's**

**Trey Allen** was an associate and then partner at Tharrington Smith, where his practice focused on the representation of public-school systems. He became a member of the faculty of the UNC School of Government, earning a chaired professorship. In 2021 Trey took leave from the School of Government to serve as General Counsel for the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts and in 2022 he was elected as an Associate Justice on the North Carolina Supreme Court.

**Chris Campbell** has been representing and training school boards, community college trustees, and their employees since 1996. He co-founded the law firm of Campbell Shatley in Asheville in 2009 and the client base has grown to more than 50 public entities across North Carolina with a focus in western North Carolina.

**Adam Lovelady** is an expert on land use law and community planning. As a faculty member at the School of Government, he teaches, researches, and advises on local development regulations including planning, zoning, subdivision, and related topics. Lovelady also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill. Lovelady was named Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Term Professor for Teaching Excellence for 2019–2021, and he was named Coates Distinguished Term Assistant Professor for 2015–2017.

**Chris McLaughlin** works in the areas of local government tax and finance as well as ethics for government attorneys. He has authored books on property tax collection, tax foreclosures, and occupancy taxes and has published over 200 blog posts on a wide variety of issues including local taxes and legal ethics. McLaughlin joined the School of Government in 2008 after practicing law in New England and serving as an adjunct professor and assistant dean for student affairs at Duke Law School. McLaughlin is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and Duke Law School, where he was also Order of the Coif.

**Allison Schafer** served as a clerk in the federal court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, became an associate and then partner at Tharrington Smith in Raleigh, and long served as legal counsel and director of policy at the North Carolina School Boards Association. She is now the general counsel to the North Carolina State Board of Education.

**Dean Shatley** co-founded Campbell Shatley in Asheville in 2009. His practice focuses on advising K-12 and higher education institutions. In addition to full-time representation of educational clients, his practice includes complex personnel investigations, employment law, and school litigation.

**Brian Shaw** is a partner at Poyner Spruill in Raleigh and has extensive education law experience. He provides counsel to public school systems throughout North Carolina. He is the most recent recipient of the Ann Majestic Distinguished Service Award from the Education Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

**Jeff Welty** is an expert in the area of criminal law and procedure. His research interests include the law of policing, search and seizure, digital evidence, and criminal pleadings. Welty completed a federal judicial clerkship and worked in private practice before coming to the School. He has taught police, prosecutors, and judges in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Nigeria, Ghana, and Zambia. From 2020 to 2021, he spent two years on leave from the School at the North Carolina Department of Justice, where he led the Special Prosecutions and Law Enforcement Section. Welty earned a J.D. from Duke University School of Law with highest honors.