

Southern Section's Fall Workshop

October 25, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Double Tree Hotel in Buena Park

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION





Be prepared and
be honest.

John Wooden

BrainyQuote®

September 2023, a real conversation:

Early one morning, I met the neighbor of a close friend. We exchanged names. He told me his profession and I told him I was a retired educator. He immediately, and in an aggressive manner, asked me why teachers and principals were making special bathroom provisions for LGBTQ students. Why are they doing that? I reflected on his anger and his question and calmly asked him why he was blaming teachers and principals and told him that they have to comply with laws that are past by the legislature. I could see that what I said clicked in his mind and he was not aware of the law. He took a step back and said the he did not realize that! We went on to have a positive interaction. (FB)

We are living in unbelievably difficult times. Our communities and our parents are divided in many ways and often misunderstand what is going on in our schools and districts today.

Your world in student services is filled with phone calls, emails, meetings, new laws to implement, and other duties as assigned. You face exceptional challenges and need to have the information necessary to face today's challenges and be on firm ground. You need to have as many tools in your toolbox that you can.

Southern Section will be holding their annual fall workshop on October 25th at the Double Tree Hotel in Buena Park. The goal of the workshop is to deliver up-to-date important information on today's CWA "Hot Topics" that will help all in the fields of student services. This will be great time for your "Q & A's."

Confirmed Speakers are Chris Keeler from Fagen, Friedman and Fulfroost, Dr. Kelly Barnes, Associate General Counsel I, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Mike Ilic, Retired, Student Services Director, Corona-Norco Unified School District. Each are experts in the fields of CWA. Details on their presentations will soon be released in an email and posted on our website. Also, Erik Elorriaga from SI&A has agreed to host a table at the workshop. The following pages contains the workshop's speaker information.

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Christopher D. Keeler
Partner,
Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP

Workshop Topic: Supporting LGBTQ+ Students – Student Rights, Staff Responsibilities, & Navigating the Current Socio-Political Contexts Confronting Schools & Districts

A versatile advisor and advocate for public education, Christopher D. “Chris” Keeler guides Southern California superintendents and school boards through the wide range of legal matters. Helping primarily San Diego and Inland Empire educational entities, he adeptly counsels clients on issues involving governance, labor and employment, collective bargaining, student matters, business, public contracts, real property, and unionization in charter schools. As the son of parents who worked in education, Chris has a deep appreciation for teachers, administrators and school district employees. With almost three decades of experience in education law, Chris advises clients in conflicts and procedures stemming from employee evaluations and discipline, student behavior, sexual harassment, dress codes, free speech and Internet-based misconduct by both students and employees. He is frequently invited to provide training at seminars and conferences, as well as in-service trainings tailored specifically for individual clients.

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Dr. Kelly Barnes

Associate General Counsel I
Los Angeles Unified School District
Hot Topics in Student Discipline

This session will provide participants with an overview of laws and proposed legislation regarding student discipline. Topics will include other means of correction, the interplay with Section 504, and law enforcement notifications as they relate to student misconduct. Dr. Kelly Barnes has exclusively practiced education law for over twenty years. Dr. Barnes currently serves in the Office of the General Counsel for Los Angeles Unified School District. She was previously counsel for the Orange County Department of Education, which also provides legal services to all districts in the county. Prior to joining OCDE in 2013, Dr. Barnes was in-house counsel for the Los Angeles Unified School District for ten years and the Los Angeles County Office of Education for five years.

Dr. Barnes graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Secondary Education, English and an emphasis in Japanese, and taught for three years before attending UCLA School of Law. Dr. Barnes earned her doctorate in Education from UCLA in 2004. Dr. Barnes has extensive experience in advising schools, with specialization in student and employment issues. She is dedicated to educational equity for all students and has particularly focused on students experiencing homelessness, expelled students, and adjudicated youth.

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Dr. Milisav Ilic

**Student Services Director, Retired
Corona-Norco Unified School District.**

Hot Topics

Dr. Milisav Ilic is a Serbian - German - Canadian - American teacher, administrator, consultant, author, composer and musician. His 30 years in public education has guided his un-intended passion to help students that nobody else wanted. He became a champion for kids who were cast aside by the *system*.

Dr. Ilic served as President of ACSA's Educational Options Council; President of the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA); California Advisory Task Force on Alternative Education; California Learning Collaborative on Alternative Education; Statewide Advisory Taskforce on Alternative Education School Accountability (CDE); Accountability and Continuous Improvement Task Force, (ACSA); Juvenile Court Student Transition Statewide Work Group (CDE); Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Juvenile Justice, Volume 2, Issue 2, Spring 2012*.

Dr. Ilic was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He earned a Bachelor of Music at McMaster University, a Master of Arts in Music at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Doctorate in Education at Walden University.



SOUTHERN SECTION ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

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This is an “in person” event. Cost is \$100 per person. Registration is active. Payment can be made through AffiniPay, check or district purchase order. For questions, please contact Frank Boehler at frank_boehler@roadrunner.com.

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Words

The difference between the almost-right word and the right word is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning. --Mark Twain

