



LEGAL SEMINAR
January 29 and 30, 2026
Mollohan Research Center, | Fairmont, WV

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

9:30 a.m. **OPENING OF SEMINAR, WELCOME**
Will Hosaflook, Superintendent, Jackson County; WVASA President

9:35 a.m. **CURRENT ISSUES (EXPULSIONS, EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION PROCESS, ETC...)**
*Presiding: John Hudson, Superintendent, Putnam County Schools
Presenter: Jason Long, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP*

10:30 a.m. **BREAK/NETWORKING/SPONSOR VISITS**

10:55 a.m. **HOT TOPICS AND HOT WATER: MITIGATING INCREASING SPECIAL EDUCATION CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS**
*Presiding: Dr. Joetta Basile, Superintendent, Mingo County Schools
Presenter: Mary Catherine Tuckwiller, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP*

11:45 a.m. **LUNCH**

12:45 p.m. **HOT TOPICS AND HOT WATER - CONTINUED**

1:30 p.m. **BREAK/NETWORKING/SPONSOR VISITS**

1:55 p.m. **INVESTIGATIONS - KNOWING WHERE THE RED FLAGS ARE AND WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT.**
*Presiding: Scott Cochran, Superintendent, Nicholas County Schools
Presenters: Leslie Tyree and Chuck Kingery, Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative*

3:00 p.m. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

7:45 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

9:00 a.m. **WVDE POLICY 7211 CITIZENS COMPLAINT**

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*Presiding: Phil Dobbins, Superintendent, Clay County Schools
Presenter: Howard Seufer, Bowles Rice LLP*

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