

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

**9th Annual Louisiana K-12 School Law Conference Schedule**

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

- 8:30-9:00**      **Registration and coffee**
- 9:00-9:15**      **Welcome & Legal Introduction**
- 9:15-10:15**    **Torts, safe schools, and sexual harassment** – Dr. Nathan Roberts, Professor Educational Foundations & Leadership
- 10:15-10:30**   **Coffee Break and Networking**
- 10:30-11:45**   **Safe by Design: Principles for creating Healthy + Safe Schools** – Chad Abell and Steven Domingue with AQ Studios
- In this session, Chad Abell and Steven Domingue with AQ Studios will present insight into creating Healthy + Safe K-12 campuses and school buildings. Through case studies and practical examples, this lecture will demonstrate how thoughtful design considerations can contribute to a supportive and secure learning environment. From strategic placement of entrances to fostering open spaces that encourage social interaction, this presentation will showcase how schools can be designed to meet the dual needs of security and emotional well-being, ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience for students.
- 11:45-12:30**   **Lunch from Olde Tyme Grocery & Dean-O’s Pizza**
- 12:30- 1:45**    **Speech, Beliefs, and Other Sticky Issues for School Administration** – Dr. Amanda Mayeaux, Associate Professor and Patrick Rutherford Endowed Professor
- 1:45- 2:00**     **Break and Networking**
- 2:00-3:00**      **Special education update for decision-making including recent updates** - Dr. Nathan Roberts, Professor Educational Foundations & Leadership
- 3:00-3:45**      **Legal odds and ends and potential future legal pitfalls – a general discussion of current legal challenges confronted by school administrators including legislation filed for the 2024 Regular Session.**
- 3:45-4:00**      **Evaluation, recommendations for future and issuance of certificates for CEUs**