

An ONLINE synchronous two-part workshop for: District and School Administrators, Title VI and Title IX Coordinators, and Educators committed to equity and inclusion.

Students' First Amendment and State Law Rights to Free Speech, Protest and Assembly



Fees: Member \$125 / Non-Member \$150

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This interactive workshop is designed to provide educators with the practical skills and legal framework for identifying and responding to current and emerging First Amendment and civil rights-related issues in K-12 schools and cyberspace. The Workshop will examine students First Amendment and state law protected speech, protest and assembly rights. Participants will review case studies to learn how to assess and effectively respond to speech and conduct without violating students' First Amendment and state protected legal rights.

Presenter Richard W. Cole, Esq., principal of Cole Civil Rights and Safe Schools Consulting, <u>www.colecivilrights.com</u>, is a nationally known civil rights attorney and former Assistant Attorney General and Civil Rights Division Chief at the Massachusetts Office of Attorney General. Richard offers customized technical, policy and investigative assistance and training. He also represents student victims of discriminatory harassment. Richard was National Co-Chair of and contributory author to the acclaimed U.S. Department of Education's publication, "Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crimes—A Guide for Schools."

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