

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



An MSAA Professional Development Workshop for: K-12 Principals, Assistant Principals, Superintendents, and Assistant Superintendents

Legal Aspects of Employee Discipline



Featuring Presenter:
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Sign-In: 8:30am-9:00am **PD Hours: 5**

Workshop: 9:00am-2:30pm **Content Area:** *Leadership and Administration*

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As a school administrator you are ultimately responsible for observation and evaluation of staff. In rare instances, disciplinary action may need to take place as a result of evaluation or observation of staff within the school building. These instances are time-consuming, stressful, and costly. From initial complaint processing to possible termination procedures, employee discipline is a critical function of the school administrator.

Stoneman, Chandler, and Miller attorneys will discuss the following key points pertaining to the legal aspects of employee discipline:

- Statutory framework for employee discipline
- Practical tips for investigations
- Employee hearings
- Decision making

The most current court cases, arbitrations, and hearing decisions will be used to illustrate both successful, and less successful employee discipline approaches.

Stoneman, Chandler, and Miller attorneys will review and share the newest precedentsetting cases in the area and the impact these decisions have on future employee discipline matters.

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